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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Crime And Punishment

"An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," is to a great extent society's approach to crime today as it has been for thousands of years.

When Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York publishers, announced that they were issuing the autobiography of Caryl Chessman who was awaiting execution for abduction, a first and probably general reaction was distaste for such morbid sensationalism.

Throughout the book it is emphasized that he is only one of a multitude who find themselves at war with society, a war in which little quarter is asked or given.

Amongst many other achievements he taught himself law and conducted a remarkable series of defences, appeals and technical pleadings which have prevented a sentence of death from being carried out for a period of five years.

The lesson he has to teach is not that "crime does not pay" but that "punishment does not pay." As he reads human nature, including his own, the criminal's hostility, defiance, recklessness and contempt for his own safety stem from an instinct for survival; a reaction against compulsion, whether compulsion to conform or compulsion to admit defeat.

We recognize the principles involved in our dealings with children. The woodshed, as a symbol of parental discipline has lost any standing it ever had.

The reformation of criminals is not the sole object of the law, however, for it is also a substitute for private vengeance. When the ordinary member of society can accept the reform of the criminal as a suitable aftermath of even a great wrong done to himself or to those dear to him then society will be able to go all the way in reforming criminals instead of punishing them.

Power From The Atom

Canada's work on atomic energy is exclusively directed towards peaceful use and a spokesman for the Crown company that operates the project at Chalk River predicts that this country may be the first in the world to build an economical power plant.

To supply useful energy instead of a blast it is necessary that the fission reaction proceed slowly under the control of the operator to liberate its energy, not in a millionth of a second but at whatever rate is desired or usable.

According to Unesco Features, although the eventual cost of atomic power is not yet accurately known, it is estimated that where coal costs more than \$10 a ton, atomic fuel could prove more economical.

used as an atomic fuel when converted in a breeder reactor.

Power is already being produced on a small scale at Harwell, in England, and further developments are planned at Calder Hall in Cumberland and at the northern tip of Scotland, the latter to be of the breeder type.

Education Of Women

Schools, colleges and universities are so filled with young women today that it is not easy to recognize that educated, as distinct from accomplished, women were rare indeed only a few years ago.

What brings the matter to mind at the moment is a passage from the Falconer lectures delivered by Lady Violet Bonham Carter and now issued in pamphlet form.

"Let me assure you that it is with deep humility and grave trepidation that I approach this learned audience, for alas!—let me make a clean breast of it—I have never myself had the benefit of a University education.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canadian Citizenship Day.

A regulation has been drafted by the New Zealand Road Safety Council for consideration by the Government, requiring motor-cyclists and pillion passengers to wear crash helmets when travelling at more than 30 miles an hour.

The baking industry is greatly concerned about the problem of loss leader selling in that industry. The national council of the baking industry blames the practice in large part for the decline in the number of bakeries in Canada from 3,231 in 1938 to 2,585 in 1952.

Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, was born this date 1780. She was a daughter of John Gurney, the Quaker banker of Norwich. Her husband was also a Quaker and interested in cocoa.

Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland tried to "buy" higher education as he has been buying industrialization for his Province. On accepting an honorary doctorate of laws at U. B. C. he revealed that three-year-old Newfoundland University is patterned after the University of British Columbia and that he had attempted to acquire the president and head of the extension department of that institution.

Saskatchewan has continued its policy of honouring servicemen who gave their lives by naming after them lakes, islands, bays and rivers in the northern part of the Province.

The Gross National Product is examined and explained at considerable length in the Bank of Montreal Business Review. It equals the gross national expenditure and consists of such things as wages, salaries and supplementary labour income; military pay and allowances; net farm income; net income of unincorporated business; indirect taxes less subsidies; depreciation allowances and similar business costs.

Greatness is in part a capacity for detail. Prime Minister Churchill's wartime bodyguard recalls: "One of our first trips was up to Scapa in the winter of '39. I remember Sir Winston standing on the deck of a battleship and looking towards a dummy battleship some distance away. The dummy looked perfect to me, but after a time Sir Winston said to me, 'There's something wrong here—and I know what it is. No seagulls. If the Germans fly over and see a battleship with no seagulls round it they'll know it's a fake. I must arrange for some food to be put down'."



SPEAKING AT ELIZABETH, N.C. CAROLINA. Wet Blanket

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

Sir,—Mr. Dewar states that my actions do not support my words as individual liberty. His statements are so absurd that I do not believe I have no desire to deny that I did help to circulate the petition.

Mr. Dewar's remarks are quite mild compared with some of those of the Board at the time. It would seem that the objection is, that the Board's permission was not asked. But as that is one of the few things not covered in the Act perhaps we may be excused.

Now as regards individual liberty, I should like to quote from P. E. Revised Statutes 1951, Vol. 2, Chap. 20, Sec. 5, sub sec. (g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z).

(1) To require full information relating to the production, packing, transporting, storing and marketing of the regulated product, from all persons engaged therein; and to require periodic returns to be made by such persons, and to inspect the books and premises of such persons.

(2) To fix the price or prices, maximum price or prices, the minimum price or prices, or both maximum and minimum prices at which the regulated product, or any grade or class thereof, may be bought or sold in the Province; and may fix different prices for different parts of the Province.

(3) To require the person in charge of any vehicle in which the regulated product could be transported to permit any member of the Board to search the vehicle.

(4) To seize and dispose of any regulated product, kept transported, packed, stored, or marketed in violation of any order of the Board.

(5) Every person who fails to comply with any determination made under this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than five hundred, or to both fine and imprisonment.

(6) No action shall be brought against any person who since the fifth day of September 1950 has acted or purported to act or who hereafter acts or purports to act as a member of any Board appointed under this Act for anything, done by him in good faith in the performance or intended performance of his duties under this Act.

Head of a Goddess

"I often wondered what it would be like to find a hidden treasure or a lost play by Shakespeare, or an old master stacked away in the attic. It's the sort of thing people dream about. When we were in Asia Minor last summer, we really did do something like that," said Margaret Bean in a BBC talk.

She was the bronze head which was now in the Museum of the British Museum awaiting cleaning operations. The head is said to be a fourth century B.C. original, of the century of Praxiteles, the last great age of Greek Art. It is over life size and is thought to be part of a full-length statue of Demeter, goddess of corn and crops, whose daughter Persephone was carried off to the underworld. The statue portrays her mourning for her child and "The face is so beautiful that the emotional force of it comes to you straight across the thousands of years since the unknown Greek sculptor made it: she is the sorrowing mother of all time," said Miss Bean.

The head is extremely rare and valuable, for ancient Greek statues are not often found, and bronzes are rarer of all because in the Middle Ages nearly all were melted down for the metal. Miss Bean saw the statue near Bodrum last summer when she and her archaeologist brother and two friends were on a trip round the sites of Greek and Roman cities of Asia Minor. "Asia Minor is the sort of place where anything can happen, you feel. It's so beautiful and wild and remote, and there are all these ruins of the ancient world, and the Byzantine Empire, and the Turkish conquerors, and St. Paul was there, and the Crusaders, in fact everything that is romantic and exciting and full of long ago greatness," she said.

They went into the garden-mere's hut and there saw Demeter for the first time, propped against the wall in semi-darkness. Much of it was covered with a thick greyish encrustation and there was a great hole in the top of the head but the face was miraculously quite untouched by these things," said Miss Bean. They dragged the statue out and photographed it and saw at once that it was quite exceptional. "The interesting thing was that we were all instantly convinced that it was a masterpiece, the more we looked at it the more beautiful it seemed," she said.

"You don't often have the chance to see a great work of art with a completely free and unprejudiced mind. If you go to a museum you know that will cover the answer. However I will leave it to the good sense of the farmers as Mr. Dewar has suggested.

But I would like to call special attention to (g, h and i), also to Sec. (10) and (13) and would suggest that everyone procure a copy of the Act and give careful thought and then decide who is supporting individual liberty. I might go into much greater detail re those clauses, but I believe it will be perhaps more in the way of fair play to leave it with the individual.

I am, Sir, etc., J. B. THOMAS, Cascumpec.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Most people don't seem concerned over where the world is heading. They act as if they just came along for the ride.

Wealth says a noted writer, is a disease. But disconcertingly hard for most of us to catch.—Hamilton Spectator.

An Illinois man was arrested for robbing people entering a night club. You'd hardly expect him to wait until they came out.—Sudbury Star.

A colony of rats was found and destroyed recently inside Alberta's eastern border. It was the first definite proof that Alberta had been invaded by the nasty vermin.—Lethbridge Herald.

The state recently hanged Rahim Hingoro in Pakistan. The man was convicted on one of 250 murder charges. One hanging for 250 murders does not seem quite adequate.—Fort William Times-Journal.

The St. Louis Zoo has a wolf so old that it lives on baby cereal. We know a few other would-be wolves who aren't dangerous to anything but a bowl of mush.—Peterborough Examiner.

A British Columbia boy has caught an eight-foot octopus with a hook. In later life he's going to present a picture of circular animation as he tries to show how long it was.—Windsor Star.

A Toronto man, left at home while his wife went on a holiday, received detailed instructions on the care and feeding of the two goldfish and the cat. After several days of struggling with the goldfish he solved part of the problem and cut his work in half. Instead of feeding the goldfish expensive food he fed the goldfish to the cat. The day before his wife returned he purchased two new goldfish for twenty-five cents. His wife was none the wiser.—MacLeans.

The bore has probably promoted more bad jokes (and more good ones) than any human type we can label. He is harder to shake than consistently to define. Ambrose Bierce, in The Devil's Dictionary, fingerprints him as "a person who talks when you wish him to listen." Voltaire, naturally, was more cutting. "The secret of being a bore," wrote this famous French man, "is to tell everything." A bore is one who simply can't discipline his self-importance, so he inflicts it on the most durable listeners he can find.—Hamilton Spectator.

It is all right to talk enthusiastically about such things as Swiss chard, beet greens, or even lettuce that has been frightened into abject submission by pouring hot bacon fat over the green leaves. The countryman tried to be reasonably tolerant of the strange culinary tangents of his peers; but he feels strongly that if all men ate heartily of dandelion greens, correctly boiled with a chunk of lean salt pork; the frustrating aches and humors of Spring fever would be more efficiently kept under control. A dandelion is a weed of commendable valor, unflinching persistence and great vigor. The seed was in—

The oceanic clouds roll by. The windows of this lonely room. The vessel of my life veers past. Great grass that loom

And threaten to annihilate. The compass at the heart of me. I rise and draw the shaking shades. On memory.

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