

Officials Of The Individual States Discuss Problems

Work For Better Handling Of Law Violations and Other Problems

Chicago. — While each state proudly claims and maintains its own identifying characteristics, all 48 share many problems in common.

Some have long been seriously harassed by organized crime. Others consider the development and administration of water resources their most critical problem. All face increasing demands on their educational facilities, highways, and law-enforcement programs.

More than 300 officials from the 48 states met recently at the Edgewater Beach Hotel here for the 11th Biennial General Assembly of the States sponsored by the Council of State Governments to wrestle with some of these problems.

Unlike some of their constituents, these officials feel that they know what can be done toward

solving some of these difficulties, and they are working overtime to do it.

For 2 1/2 days they discussed proposed legislation, worked out by their drafting committee, which filled 152 printed pages.

But these carefully drafted proposals, so worded as to be easily revised to suit local needs, are only advisory, as was stressed by Frank Bane, the council's executive director since 1940.

"If we council members were told all of a sudden that we could not use the words 'suggested' or 'for consideration,'" Mr. Bane said, "we would be in just as bad a fix as a social worker deprived of the words 'motivate' and 'adjustment'."

Following are brief resumes of the council's proposals on several of the most urgent questions.

Crime

Mindful of the Senate Crime Investigating Committee's conclusion that "the several states cannot hope to control jet-plane criminality by the horse-and-buggy methods evolved in the early 19th century," the council is urging all states to enact needed legislation to strengthen state and local efforts to combat organized crime.

A memorandum distributed at the meeting reported: "Notable steps have been taken by a number of the states. In particular, the states have taken action in the following areas: (1) narcotic traffic control; (2) control of bookmaking and sporting events; (3) regulation of slot machines and other games of chance, and license controls over establishments carrying on gambling operations; (4) strengthened state supervision over local law enforcement; (5) strengthened grand jury procedures; (6) interstate crime-control enactments; and (7) formation of crime-investigating agencies."

The proposed legislation presented to the meeting included laws sponsored by organizations with which the council cooperates closely. These proposals include: Sponsored by the American Bar Association Commission on Organized Crime:

1. Model Antigambling Act (to eliminate gambling).
2. Model Department of Jus-



Scene from "Lusty Men", showing at the Vicar Theater Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24, 25 and 26.

STAR CYCLIST!



Too bad this isn't a bicycle built for two! Charming Virginia Mayo appears to be an enthusiastic cyclist. For her bicycle outing, the blonde Warner Bros. star wears a neat cotton sports outfit combining solid broadcloth pedal pushers with a vividly striped cotton strapless bodice.

tion bill (to bring about more uniformity, efficiency and better coordination in investigating and prosecuting crimes against the state).

3. Model Police - Council Act (to provide the states with an instrument for the improvement of police administration and for removing many existing inefficiencies).

4. Model State Witness Immunity Act (to provide for the compelling of evidence from witnesses in criminal proceedings and granting of immunity to such witnesses).

Sponsored by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws:

1. Amendments to the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act (to expand the definition of "narcotic drugs" to include any drug found by the appropriate state officer to have addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability).

2. Model Crime Investigating Commission Act (to establish a crime-investigating and recommendatory body and to empower it to proceed actively in the field of organized crime and its ramifications).

Several states (including California, New York, Arkansas, Florida, Texas, and New Jersey) have, according to the report, already established or proposed the formation of this type of investigating agency.

3. Model Act on Perjury (to remove "age-old" obstructions in prosecutions for perjury).

Sponsored by the Drafting Committee of the Council of State Government:

1. Series of bills to strengthen state control of narcotic drugs (bills setting forth penalties for narcotic violations, growing of

Turpentine Drippings

Compiled By Bill Sharpe

THAT'S THE KIND

(Stanley News and Press)

When I think of good sausage,

I always think of Robert Shaver, too. I remember some 15 years ago or better, I came by the Shaver place, a few miles out East of Albemarle, just after they'd butchered some hogs. They were seasoning the sausage that day.

And I told Mr. Shaver I'd like to buy some of it. He told me that "we didn't make any to sell." To which I replied, "That's the kind I want."

I talked him out of a few pounds, and carried it home in a shoe box (remember, Mr. Shaver?). And I still remember it to this day as some of the best sausage I ever ate.

NO BILLBOARDS

(Reidsville Review)

There will be virtually no advertising billboards along the length of the Ohio Turnpike when it is finished. In so deciding, Ohio followed the lead of Pennsylvania and New Jersey who decided against billboards when their super highways were built.

From a standpoint of safety the decision to do without billboards is a wise one. Moving along at high speed, a driver needs to be alert and attentive at all times. Billboards are distracting and distraction on a highway can mean tragedy.

It is also true that large advertising signs detract from the natural beauty of the country through which the road runs. Scenery often attracts tourists, but if the view of the scenery is marred by billboards, tourists will find another route to travel where they can enjoy the natural beauty

marijuana, and driving under the influence of drugs).

2. Series of recommendations for improving the administration of narcotic drug-control and related matters.

3. Amendments to state criminal codes affecting prosecution.

4. Sports Bribery bill (to impose penalties severe enough to deter bribery by the "tin-horn sport" who has infested the sports scene).

Water Resources: "Careful study over a period of 15 years of this whole problem of the management of our valley regions has revealed no one type of organization capable of universal application," stated the report of the council's executive director.

without having to accept the sales messages.

MODEST

(Raleigh News & Observer)

Those who have been waiting for someone to explain the unexpected large margin by which General Eisenhower was elected can now stop holding their breath.

A full explanation has been made. It comes from the Vice-President Elect, Sen. Richard M. Nixon. The turning point of the campaign, Sen. Nixon tells us, was when he made his television and radio speech following disclosures that his income as a senator was being supplemented by some of

This modest young man would be surprised if he knew that the worst fear of a great many people is that he might some day become president.

SUBTLE SIGN

(Tom Fesperman, Charlotte News)

One of the smartest bits of advertising I've seen in some time was a large sign on top of a truck going down E. 4th St. the other afternoon.

Truck was carrying a load of concrete blocks.

The big sign said: "No termites in this load."

BUM TEXAS STEER

(Rocky Mount Telegram)

The Texas Longhorn boosters who rudely tried to get travel information out of a band of Carolina rooters from Rocky Mount en route to the football game at Chapel Hill last week got steered the wrong way. In fact, the local folks are wondering if the party from Texas ever got to see the game at all.

The traffic was heavy this side of Durham, the local fans reported and they were considerably annoyed when a car in behind kept running up against their car. Finally the local driver stuck out his head, as drivers will do, with a big question mark on his face and some ready language on his tongue.

"Howdy, neighbor!" roared a Texan from beneath his ten-gallon hat and the words fairly dripped with the Texas version of North Carolina moonshine, "which way is it to the stadium?"

"Just follow us," came back the Rocky Mount driver, "and we'll lead you right up to the stadium."

Well, the Texans kept right on bumping the Rocky Mount car and the local citizens were becoming more aggravated than somewhat by the time they started skirting the City of Durham. Then, a bright idea hit the Rocky

Mount driver. It was only a short drive out of the way, but he thought it was worth it.

And so the Rocky Mount car followed closely by the racing, bumping, hilarious Texans, suddenly left the line of traffic and drove up to the Duke football stadium. The local people halted for a few minutes while the Texans piled out of their car, had a few more drinks and started their oratory on what the Longhorns were going to do to "them Tar Heels."

Then the Rocky Mount car quietly proceeded to the Carolina stadium at Chapel Hill, leaving the Texans celebrating before an empty stadium because the Duke Blue Devils had just had a home after having beaten another Texas outfit, Southern Methodist, the night before.

TOO RISKY

(Beatrice Cobb, Morganton News-Herald)

A political campaign always brings charges and counter charges—the more personal and bitter as the campaign period gets hotter and draws nearer a close. The present one is no exception to the general rule, with the difference being that it warmed up and the charges began to fly earlier than

usual. It appears that any man who "gets into politics" must take the risk of having his character assailed. I have no particular candidate or office holder in mind in this observation, and am neither accusing nor defending anybody. I often wonder why any man (or woman) could bring himself to run for public office, the tendency of the general public being to tear candidates of the opposite party apart, often apparently "limb by limb." I am reminded of a one-time friend who lived in a town in Eastern Carolina. His friends had been urging him to run for a county office and he held out steadfastly "I'll never run for office," he told

me once. "I stole a little dog. I was too young to know what stealing meant, and though my mother made me return it, after giving me a good dose of 'hickory tea,' I know that political enemies would rake up the episode and before the campaign is over they'd almost convince me I was a thief who should even at this late day, be serving a term in the penitentiary instead of sunning for office."

I am of the opinion that one reason few women offer as candidates for office is that the average

Funeral Held For Warren Infant

(Robersonville Herald)

Funeral services were held at noon Monday for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warren, who died earlier that day in the Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville. The child was born Friday morning at 5:00 o'clock.

Surviving beside the parents, are two brothers, Frey and Glenn, of the home, and Mrs. H. A. Moore, the paternal grandmother.

The child's mother is the former Miss Essie Whigham of Robersonville.

woman by nature just can't "take" the rough and tumble of a strenuous political campaign.

NO PLACE LIKE THAT

(Harnett County News) But there's one thing that's sure and certain: North Carolinians are an erudite people. We have a town that goes by the name "Intelligence." But you can't find any place known as "Ignorance."

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