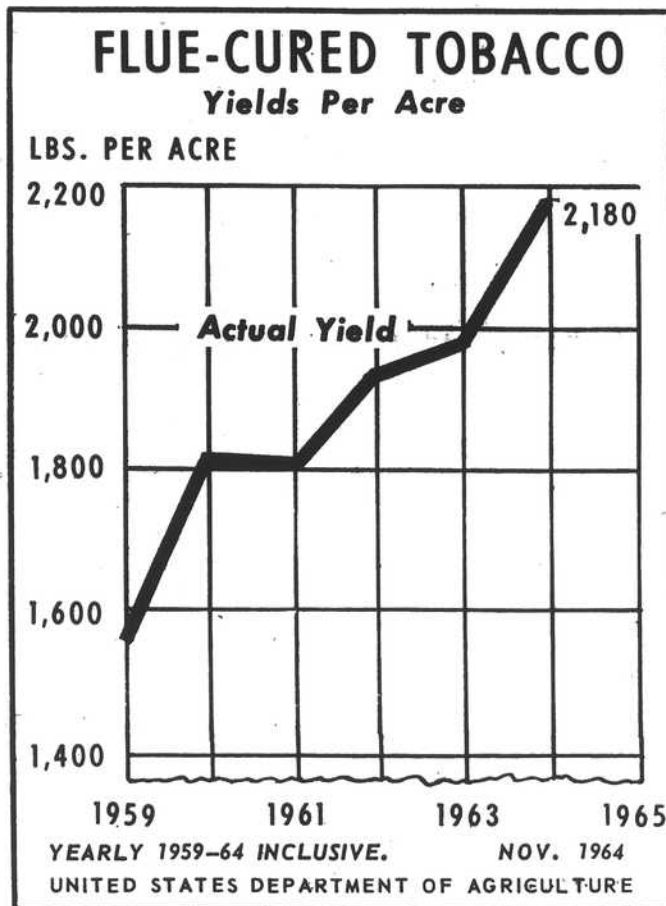


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SENATOR JORDAN

REPORTS

From WASHINGTON

Senator John McClellan, who has a long and distinguished record of fighting crime and rackets, has introduced a series of bills which I hope will bring about a new awareness of the serious problems the United States faces in connection with the alarming increase in our crime rate.

There is a great deal of evidence that the American people are as concerned over this problem as any which faces our Nation today, and the situation has reached the point where we must make every effort to curb the widespread disregard for the law that now exists.

In offering his bills, Senator McClellan cited some interesting . . . and at the same time shocking . . . facts and figures. For example, since 1958, crime in our Nation has increased six times as fast as our population, and since 1940 it has doubled. He pointed out that over 7,000 major crimes are committed in the United States every day, and that crime costs the American people \$27 billion a year. This is over half of what it costs to maintain our entire defense and military system.

When any problem reaches such proportions, it demands efforts to correct it by all levels of government.

It is my feeling that regardless of how vigorously government . . . and by government I mean local, state, and Federal government, as well as the courts . . . fights crime, these efforts must be accompanied by positive actions by individuals themselves. They must start with parents, with churches, and with other community organizations.

A recent Gallup Poll showed that the American public feels that the government should give a large amount of its attention to reducing crime during the next few years. In fact, the poll showed that the government should give more attention to crime than any domestic problem other than education.

To me this is interesting, because it reflects a widespread feeling that when problems get out of hand, the first reaction is that government should do something about it. In the case of crime, any government effort

must be accompanied by individual and non-governmental group effort. Laws are enacted by governments, but they are obeyed and respected by individuals.

I am hopeful that the bills Senator McClellan introduced will provoke a nationwide debate on the whole subject of

crime, and in doing so bring in to focus once again the importance of respect for the law.

There has been a tendency in recent years for many people to feel that society owes something to those who turn to crime. Somehow, this seems backward to me, and we must find a way to make everyone realize that those who would turn to crime, in fact, owe something to society.

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