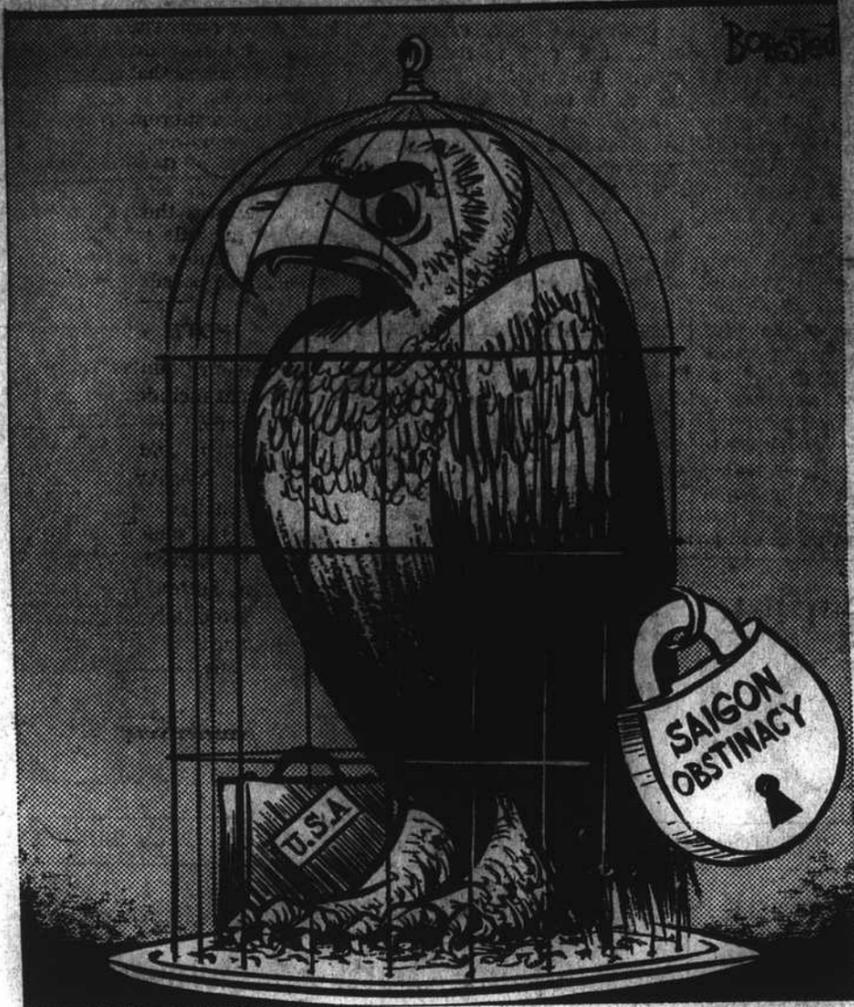


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EDITORIALS

Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinion Of One Man
— And He May Be Wrong

The California Mess

The most terrible of all possible oppressions is that of anarchy. When all rules, when all principles, when every discipline is cast aside no one and no thing is safe. The prince and the pauper stand in equal jeopardy.

Our society is still far from the final death throes of total anarchy, but the seed is sown, and unless discipline is exerted, and soon, this nation will harvest some very bitter crops.

Permissiveness at every level, from the home to the White House has turned loose the wrong side of man on us all. When a John F. Kennedy can be shot down certainly no small one of us is free from this constant peril.

And fear is the most corrosive emotion. It turns brother against brother, religion against religion, race against race. And there is no real reason for this fear to possess so many of us for so long.

There has never been a time in the history of man, and there never will be a time in the future of man when the criminal elements would not press upon the law-abiding. Our time in history is

no different in that respect than any other. But it does differ in that there is a pathological passion on the part of far too many to either overlook or actually condone deliberate acts of criminality.

Rehabilitation of criminals is a far bigger concern of society today than reimbursement of those who have been physically or financially or mentally ruined by such violators.

Consider that our society today has an expensive array of dedicated people who are trying sincerely to make human silk purses out of criminal sows' ears. We have probation boards, paroles boards, recreational and educational programs in prisons. But does society spend one penny to help the man who has been robbed or the innocent girl who has been raped?

The aged storekeeper whose life savings has been snatched away by a bully with a gun, or a young girl whose virginity has been corroded by a rapist also need help. But society offers none, while wasting vast amounts of money to help the poor robber and the apple-cheeked rapist.

The Oppression of Anarchy

Fortunately the majority of the nation has little to no comprehension of the mess in "higher education" in the Great State of California. It reads more like the muttering of mad men then reporting on the solemn affairs of the nation's most populous state.

A major university has been closed because its administration permitted, and in many instances even encouraged, the most vile and evil people to take over.

The governor of California is reviled by the liberals in all of higher educa-

tion because he has spoken out and tried to take action against this miserable mess that academic permissiveness has made out of the largest higher education system in the nation.

Screaming mobs who demand full credits for listening to a Negro pervert named Eldridge Cleaver, who has been hired with the taxpayers' money to spread the most virulent and violent filth imaginable. A man who wrote in prison: "I became a rapist to refine my technique and modus operandi. I started out by practicing on black girls in

What Absurdity

There is something grotesquely unfunny about the United States mincing about conference tables waiting for a backwater potentate to make up his mind whether he wants peace in his country or not.

Of course, he does not want peace, because peace would mean the end of him and his regime. If nothing else has been proven after all these bloody years of war the world surely recognizes that the present Saigon government wouldn't last 10 minutes without American aid.

It has been years since there was any doubt about the fact that the Saigon government is the handpicked stepchild of American duplicity... a duplicity that failed in its beginning because it never fooled anyone, including the people of Vietnam and the rest of the world.

So now with our country finally awakened to some brutal facts of life: Such as the fact that our country should never have been involved there in the first place, and now should get out as quickly as possible it is flogging the deadest possible kind of political horse to delay any move toward peace because of the whims, or fears or greeds of this Saigon government.

For generations we have been nourished with the legend that it is the Oriental who places such high esteem on "face" and now we are finding out the hard way that American leaders suffer this form of pride to a degree far worse than even the most egotistical Oriental Potentate.

No really major steps can be taken in any direction, at home or abroad until this first issue of Vietnam is decided. We cannot really begin to improve our tedious balance of payments situation. We cannot pretend to solve our housing, pollution, transportation and farm problems until vast waste of the Vietnamese frustration is ended.

We cannot even seriously defend our household against the deliberate destructiveness of international communism until we, as a nation, recognize that internal bleeding is just as deadly, if not quite so emotional as external wounds.

the ghetto and when I considered myself smooth enough, I crossed the tracks and sought out white prey. I did this consciously, deliberately, willfully, methodically — though looking back I see that was in a frantic, wild and completely abandoned frame of mind. Rape was an insurrectionary act. It delighted me that I was defying and trampling upon the white man's law, upon his system of values, and that I was defiling his women — and this point, I believe, was the most satisfying to me because I was very resentful over the historical fact of how the white man used the black woman. I wanted to send waves of consternation throughout the white race. . . ."

And that is the kind of man that the trustees of the University of California permitted to hold classes on their campus, and over the objections of Governor Reagan.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS BY JACK RIDER

The State Baptist Convention wants a stronger law against drunken driving. What the brethren really should be talking about is not a stronger law but stronger courts to enforce existing law in this realm, and if any monkeying is to be done with the law itself it ought to be aimed at relaxing the law so that the punishment could be fitted to the offender rather than being an inflexible punishment which falls far from fairly upon different offenders.

The last time I checked the record of local courts there was about a 95 per cent conviction rate in recorder's court, where the cases are heard without a jury, and then after conviction at that level the conviction rate when appeals were taken fell to about 34 per cent in superior court where juries determine guilt or innocence. This raises the obvious question: Why will a jury turn loose a man, or woman, who has already been convicted by a judge, and after that person has been indicted by a disinterested officer, whose only intent is to get a dangerous driver off the highways.

The answer is almost universally this: If the poor fellow is convicted he will lose his driving license for one year, and this will cause him to lose his job and put his family in a destitute position, and since generally speaking a majority of the jurors also occasionally get behind the steering wheel when they have had a short or two they wind up consciously putting themselves in the defendant's shoes, and they treat him as they would like to be treated if the situation were reversed.

This is the key to this problem. The present law makes the jury both judge and jury. And the only duty any jury should ever have in any case is to determine the guilt or innocence of the person before them. Punishment should be in the discretion of the judge, and within broad limits. Loss of the driving license for a year is in many instances a terrible financial blow to one defendant and to his family, and to another man it may be a blessing.

Trial judges ought to have the right to punish drunken drivers with a wide range of sentences. Heavy fines, permanent loss of license, part-time loss of license and heavy prison terms for chronic offenders. That Saturday night drunk who drives a truck for a living the rest of the week might be allowed to drive during working hours, but be forced to surrender his driving license under heavy penalty during his non-working hours.

And as for forcing people to testify against themselves by giving blood or blowing up balloons; that kind of forced testimony — some times called third degree — was supposed to have ended with the establishment of the United States of America and the adoption of our constitution. If a jury will not believe the sworn testimony of a trained and disinterested officer that kind of jury will just as easily ignore any kind of mechanical or chemical evidence that might be tendered.

We don't need a stronger drunken driving law. What we need is a more reasonable law.

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