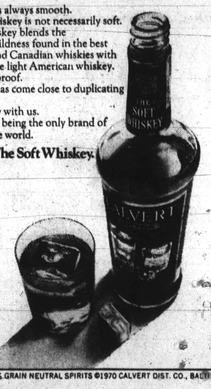
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'Reaps large profits as he distributes death-filled capsules..'

—enemy of poor

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dope to feed his habit.

Part of the reason for this mother's weeping was the terrifying fact that her son, not so long ago a loveable little boy, had fresh and old needle marks on his arms.

Her expression also showed hopelessness as she learned from police officers that her son was involved in shoplifting, purse snatching, assault and robbery and dealing in stolen goods.

Later during the hearing consternation came from the facts she learned about the real criminal behind the scenes, a grown man who reaps large profits as he distributes death-filled capsules of dope.

A great portion of the gold he puts in his pockets comes from his child "runners" who hand out his dope to the children of the poor.

The Maryland Drug Abuse Authority Advisory Council on Drug Abuse issued a statement last week from its State Office Building headquarters at 301 W. Preston St.

The statement reveals dope use by children is ever-increasing and has widened its circle beyond inner city poor to upper-class families.

The council's newsletter discloses:

"Drug abuse is increasing at a marked rate, and is reaching down even into the junior high and elementary schools.

"It no longer is a problem just of the ghetto; it is a problem of middle-class white suburbia: of Towson and Lutherville, Bethesda and Rockville, Parkville and Reisterstown.

"By the time the current freshman class graduates from high school, perhaps 50 per cent will have tried some drug illegally, if present trends continue.

"Youngsters give various reasons for trying drugs, from disenchainment with society to the Vietnam War, from their pill-popping mother to boredom in school.

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Speaking also of reasons why youngsters get "hooked" on dope was Tactical Squad Lt. James Watkins who heads the Special Tactical Operations Patrol (STOP) now concentrating on inner city dope "hot spots."

As an example Lt. Watkins gives last week's case of a 15-year old youth, a pupil at Calverton Junior High School, who was nabbed during school hours around Mount and Presbury Sts.

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Members of STOP's Mod Squad, a group of plain-clothes youths, report that the thin, poorly dressed youngster threw to the ground, when he saw them, a brown paper bag containing needles, syringe and burnt bottle cap.

(The word has circulated among children and adults too when police approach, "get rid of the stuff quick" to possibly avoid charges of possession of illegal items.)

Taken before Lt. Watkins for a chat, the teenager revealed he had been addicted to dope for two years, since he was 13 years of age.

He showed old and fresh needle marks "all up and down" his arms.

The boy was taken home to his mother who lives alone without aid or assistance of his father or a husband.

Lt. Watkins reports that she was so deeply under the influence of alcohol she was unable to cooperate on plans to help her child.

This case points up irresponsible parents as the guilty ones who leave their children open to dope.

This 15-year-old, pathetic in his plight and at the point of no return, was left alone (except for police aid) to get himself out of dope addiction, robbery, assault, and membership in a gang of thieves and hoodlums.

Next week: An in depth look at the 'Pushers, the "dirty old men" who run the dope racket and deal out death to children.

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—P. Mitchell

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their students, and their concern for the improvement of our overcrowded, understaffed and undersupplied city schools.

"But praise of the teachers is not enough. Active support is what they need and must get from the people of the community who want better schools for their children."

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"The Teachers' Union charges, and with reason," said Mr. Mitchell, "that the Baltimore Public School Commissioners have violated public trust by not meeting the requirements of the contract made with teachers.

"The teachers have gone on the line to tell the people that the promised classroom size has not been met, and classes remain over crowded that supplies and educational materials are inadequate, that there still are not enough teachers to go around.

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"That the lunch program has not met the agreed upon nuturitional standards; that adequate transportation for needy children is not beong provided; and that cost of living increases promised to teachers to prevent the necessity for moonlighting have not materialized."

Mr. Mitchell earlier on Tuesday evening before the Machinists' Union District Council No. 12, called for "an end to the carnage in our factories," urging passage of the Democratic Occupational Health and Safety Bill now before the Senate, which provides federal standards for industrial safety and strong enforcement powers by the Secretary of Labor.

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"During the past four years, more men have been killed at their jobs than in Vietnam," said Mr. Mitchell. "Industrial accidents have claimed 14,500 lives in 1969 alone. The Democratic bill, which the Senate may act on tonight, promises to end this intolerable situation.

"The bill provides the Labor Department with the power of inspection and forbids advance notice of such inspection. It also empowers the Labor Department to close down any factory where imminent death or serious injury is threatened, and to levy fines of $1000 a day for uncorrected violations by management."

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"The Democratic bill," said Mr. Mitchell, "has been offered in place of an administration bill, which vests power in an independent board of business and labor, and provides no direct enforcement powers. It is a weak bill, which favors business over human life, and has the wide support of organized labor."

"The record shows that we must have federal standards and power to enforce them in this area to end this corporate crime against the working man."

He also explained that the bill provides pre-emptive power to the states, empowering them to enforce their own jurisdictions where they offer guidelines equal to or greater than the federal standards.

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that "the week Administration measure is typical of Republican policy, which favors business interests at the expense of the working man.

"In this issue, as in their economic policy which has pushed unemployment to its highest level in years and reduced the real wage of the manufacturing worker, the Republicans serve the cause of large industry and betray the vast majority of Americans who comprise our working force."



By the way...

by Joe Black

Is it possible that human beings are slowly losing their instinct for survival and self preservation? Is it conceivable that young men and women are losing, or have already lost their capacity to reason, even when their lives and the lives of their children-to-be are concerned? It certainly seems that way as they continue to smoke, ingest and inject themselves with every kind of drug they can get their hands on.

How desperate, how ignorant, how lacking in basic animal intelligence and self control must people be, to take drugs they know have already destroyed the minds and bodies of thousands of users. Most explanations I've heard suggest that many of our young people start taking drugs to be "in"...to be "with it"...to be "part of the scene." They defy the warnings of medical men. They laugh and label as "establishment" or "squares" anyone who points out even the most obvious dangers. I have little to add to what has already been said by some of the foremost medical researchers throughout the world. But I do have one thought that I believe is worth mentioning. It's this:

One day, a year, five, ten or twenty years from now, if you're lucky enough to make it, you'll marry, settle down and have children. You'll look like any normal man or woman. But it's entirely possible that your genes, those elements of germ plasm that transmit hereditary characters, will have already been affected by drugs taken years before. Medical science is not sure what effect some drugs now being taken will have on generations to come. What will you be wheeling around in your carriage, little mother?

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Next Saturday is the deadline day for returning those applications to the Supervisors of Elections.

Only in such emergency cases as a citizen finding after the deadline Oct. 24 that he will have to be out of the city by virtue of his employment, or a voter incapacited by illness or accident after the deadline will an absentee ballot be authorized.

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To be eligible for an absentee ballot, a cituzen must be:

1. A registered voter.
2. Out of the city on election day.
3. A veteran out of the country.
4. Sick and unable to go to the polls.
5. Confined to a nursing home, but competent to vote.

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Procedure is that a written request, if the person is unable to apply in person, stating name, legal voting address and party affiliation should be sent to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, Fayette and Gay Sts.

A ballot will be sent by the board to the individual making the request, or he may apply in person and vote at the same time.

The ballot must be returned to the Elections Supervisors and postmarked no later than Nov. 2.

In order to be valid, a ballot must be marked exactly as directed on the form.

But, application for absentee ballots must be made no later and returned to the Supervisors of Elections by next Saturday, Oct. 24.

Peter Parker hit for dig at Mitchell

In a statement released Tuesday afternoon, the State Commission on Human Relations censured recent remarks made by Peter Parker, the retiring People's Counsel in the Public Service Commission, against this Democratic Congressional opponent, Parren J. Mitchell.

It was widely reported recently that Mr. Parker accused Mr. Mitchell of being a "racist" and having his campaign financed by the Black Panther Party, even though he had admitted that he had no proof of the charge.

The Commission said, "We will be evading our statutory and moral obligation if we fail to strongly condemn the injection of racism in the political campaigns in this state.

"Even before results of the Primary Election have been certified, we observe certain candidates who apparently intend to appeal to the most vicious and prejudiced element of the Electorate in attempts to gain political office.

"A candidate who charges," the Commission continued, "that his opponent has been supported by the Black Panthers but who admits he has no proof whatsoever of this charge, is not dealing with issues the voters should consider in deciding between one candidate or another. He is dealing in blatant racial prejudice."

The statement concluded, "We urge all candidates for the sake of the general welfare of this state and nation, to campaign on the basis of legitimate issues and to refrain from unsubstantiated allegations or attacks based upon such irrelevant issues as race, color, creed, or national origin of their opponent."

OCTOBER 23

Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R. Oregon) will speak at Essex Community College, Friday Oct. 23, at 8 p.m.

The Senator has been a longtime opponent of the war in Vietnam and has been active in efforts to eliminate the draft.

Meter reader left wife, went home to mother

Franklin Harry Hughes Jr., 2100 block Harford Rd., a meter reader, said in divorce court last week that his wife, Mrs. Dionelle Lillian Hughes, 600 block Cator Ave., became disenchanted with him while he was in the service.

He also told the Circuit Court Examiner-Master that he and his wife subsequently agreed to get a divorce and he went home to live with his mother.

His mother, Mrs. Valera Hughes, a teachers' aide, revealed that her son was honorably discharged from the service in January, 1967 "and he came directly back home."

The Hughes were married April 16, 1965. On Oct. 7, Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast signed the decree in the husband's favor on grounds of mutual separation.

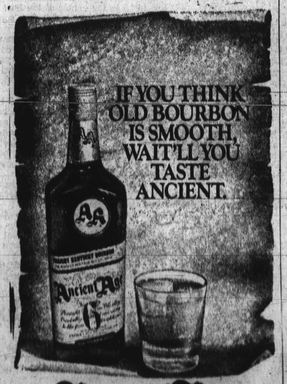
Mandel can integrate Racing Commission

Gov. Marvin Mandel now has opportunity to integrate for the first time in its 50-year-old existence the five-member Maryland Racing Commission.

E. Taylor Chewing, whose term would have expired next year as a member, died the past Monday.

A Democrat appointed under the Republican Theodore R. McKeldin regime, Mr. Chewing, 81, had been a member of the commission for 17 years.

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