

Nation's Increase In Crime And Income Related Says Dean McKusick

Vermillion, S. D., Nov. 17.—Ninety billions of dollars earned by American business in 1926 and nearly 10,000 murders in that year have some observable relationship, according to statements made by Marshall McKusick, dean of the College of Law at the University of South Dakota.

"It is a striking coincidence," said Dean McKusick, "that during the twenty year period between 1905 and 1925, a period marked by a phenomenal increase in the national income, there was also a phenomenal increase in crime." The national income of this country is at present greater than the combined national wealth of France and Japan, and 45 percent of the world's gold is in the vaults of the United States. But there were also more murders in this country in 1925 than in all Canada, Europe and South America, with the exception of Mexico, Russia, and Balkan states. Besides this, the speaker stated, there were 50,000 burglaries, and 30,000 robberies.

Crime Is Organized
This increase of crime along with the increase in business, Mr. McKusick seemed to believe, suggests that in the getting of wealth there have been practices in business that have caused a material increase in our criminal record. The speaker further stated that the greatest danger lies in a criminal class that has turned about and taking the method of business has developed organized crime. This practice of criminals carrying on crime as a business has materially

increased, according to Mr. McKusick.
A certain amount of the widespread criticism aimed at the administration of our criminal law seems justifiable in the opinion of Mr. McKusick. Much of the difficulty is due to archaic and antiquated machinery employed in administration of criminal law.

Some Crime Expected
The speaker intimated that occasional crime is the product of conditions and passions of human life which may be minimized by patient study and treatment of the conditions tending to produce it. Organized crime, however, has adopted and promoted all the elements of weakness in the democratic form of government. Crime as a business develops particularly in our large cities as evils of petty politics, the speaker said. Furthermore, the great number of complex laws favor crime. The individual is unable to learn them all, and feels hedged in by the wall of restraint. The multitude of restraining laws on freedom of personal choice result in the individual setting himself up as judge of which laws he will obey and which ones he will disregard.

There is already a rapidly increasing recognition that something must be done, and some states have already changed methods of criminal procedure. South Dakota has recently changed the rule of criminal procedure which stated that a criminal could not be compelled to testify in his own behalf, and that the prosecuting attorney was not allowed to make any comment on the failure of an alleged criminal to so testify. By the recent statute the prosecuting attorney may comment upon the silence of an alleged criminal.

The solution of the problem presented by the great increase in crime, according to Mr. McKusick, is not the task of the local organizations, but a task calling for the combined efforts of every organization that looks to social betterment.

SOUTHERNERS MOVE TO BANISH HAZING

Officials at Louisiana University Expel Eight Students; Three Were Football Men

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 17.—A vigorous step by officials to wipe out hazing at the Louisiana state university was made today with the expulsion of eight students, three of them varsity football players, for cutting the hair of first year men.

Many southern institutions have been carrying on this custom of hazing freshmen by cutting their hair, but it is being abolished rapidly, officials believe.

The usual practice in the hair cutting episode is to clip a furrow through the front locks. A complete hair cut is not often administered. The act is usually in the hands of sophomores and is committed in dormitories and fraternity houses, though it often takes place on the campus and in the streets. Violence is not often in attendance with the act because of the traditional meekness of freshmen and overpowering numbers of upperclassmen.

Sophomores Often Dumbfounded
Freshmen seldom stayed at college a full term without losing some of their hair, though there have been instances of freshmen evading the ordeal for several weeks. Sophomores were dumbfounded on occasions when some freshman came up and offered his locks to be shorn, believing he had been slighted.

Rumored threats on the part of the student body to make protest against the expulsions were general.

ly expected to take definite form last night if at all. It was reported that a mass meeting of students had been called, but the sponsors were not revealed.

ANNUAL KID PARTY GIVEN LAST NIGHT

Prizes Awarded for "Kiddiest" And Most Original Costumes

The annual kid party, sponsored by the Kindergarten-Primary club, was held in Ellen Smith hall last evening from 5:30 until 8 o'clock. Approximately 180 were in attendance.

Prizes were given to the persons wearing the "kiddiest" and most original costumes. The "kiddiest" prize was won by Miss Clara Wilson, and the award for the most original was given to Miss Margaret Coolen. The prize stunt was presented by girls of Alpha Chi Omega.

Entertainment consisted of a skit entitled "There Ain't No Santa Claus," presented by Betty Bell,

Bernadine Riggs and Helen Slade. Miss Slade was also chairman of the entertainment committee.

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