

Opinion

The idle mind is dangerous

It is often said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop and taking that into consideration, it makes one realize that our unemployment problem may soon get our society into trouble.

In comparison to other countries where inflation is skyrocketing and employment opportunities practically nonexistent, where governments are divided — terrorists and rebels are rampant. How long before it breaks out here?

In the U.S., there are many who live in slums, many underprivileged people, and many who search for a more pleasurable means of survival than

living among detritus and depleted housing. Many of these people walk the streets in cities and in small towns, gathering where they may, idle and aimless. Sometimes missing their only answer and fighting with knives and guns their only means of expression.

Inflation and unemployment isn't relieved these idle minds may soon take a different defense against the system that holds them down and utilize the protests marches and riots of the 1960's, terrorists groups are exactly what their names imply — terror. They are organized and are usually after one of two things — money or a political voice. They are often cold-blooded in their manner of speaking out by kidnapping, bombing and whatever else it would take to receive an ear.

We would all be dumb to be surprised at the "assessment workshops" conducted by would-be terrorists. Police authorities have uncovered tons of ammunition, bombs, and other artillery in the U.S. in recent years. They are using the SLA and others have received national attention for their outbreaks of violence and destruction.

Hopefully the situation will not reach an alarming state, but it seems almost inevitable. These idle minds . . .

Farmers under siege

Los Alamos Mueller (New Mexico) While this nation each year produces billions of dollars worth of agricultural products, almost every other American industry suffers by comparison with its foreign competitors.

The American farmer greatly outperforms and outproduces his overseas counterparts, but almost every other domestic industry fares miserably. Americans buy billions of dollars worth of foreign autos, steel, identification sets and cameras every year. In almost every category one can imagine U.S. manufacturers and U.S. labor are outperformed and outworked by their Japanese and German competitors.

But this isn't true for the American farmer. He outworks, outthinks and outproduces not only the Japanese and

the Germans, but everybody. He is the envy of his free-world competitors and the bane of the Soviet Union's five-year plans. Never have we fed so many people. But now something seems to be going awry with the formula. Farmers' very success seems to be working against them. Surpluses have driven some farm prices to ridiculously low levels and many a farmer and rancher today is taking a sober second look at his way of earning a living.

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Two interesting situations created by recent election

by S. C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT — The recent primary election created two interesting situations in the two recently completed elections in the congressional races, and the one Supreme Court vacancy that was up for vote.

State Senator Tom Easterly of Frankfort upon Lexington John Breckinridge of Uperston who was speaking a fourth term as U.S. Representative. Easterly garnered about 500 more votes than Breckinridge in one of the highest vote turnouts in recent history.

Kentucky's other six U.S. Representatives gained re-election with ease, two of them were unopposed in the primary. Carroll Hubbard of the first district and Gene Siskler of the fourth district.

The other contested race was for the Kentucky Supreme Court in which three men ran to fill the seat of Justice Pless Jones of Williamson. Jones chose not to seek reelection.

District Judge John Calvin Aker, 63, of Somerset, and Appeals Court Judge John White, 63, of Manchester, race one another in the runoff this November for the seat Jones vacates at the end of this year.

If Easterly wins this November, and he should in this predominantly Democratic Sixth Congressional District, a special election will have to be called if a special session of the General

Assembly is called before 1980. If not, a replacement will have to be elected in 1979 to fill the two-year unexpired term for Easterly's state Senate seat.

Regardless of who wins the race between Aker and White this November, Governor Julian Carroll will have the privilege of appointing a judge to fill the vacant term of the victor.

Aker began a four-year term as District Judge in Somerset the first of this year. There will be three more years of his term left. If he wins in November and takes his seat on the state's highest court next January.

In the event White wins, the governor has the opportunity to name a judge to fill White's office on the Court of Appeals, the state's second highest court. White began his four-year term in January 1976 and there will be five years of this left. The appointment would last until next year's election.

Generally speaking, the man appointed has an advantage over a challenger.

In both offices, the district and the state court, the governor would select one man for the appointment from three names submitted to him by a judicial nominating committee.

Another interesting fact about Easterly's state Senate office becoming vacant is that the governor would not necessarily have to wait to call a special election next year to fill his special election next year to fill his

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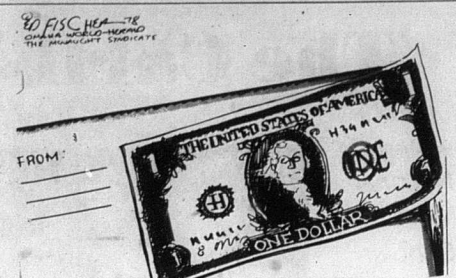
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Kentucky reflections...

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posel could impose a health protection tax on cigarettes, regulate smoking in federal facilities and strengthen the warning labels on cigarette packages and advertisements. His measure would prohibit smoking in any enclosed areas, open to the public in a federal facility, but it would make exceptions of working places in federal buildings. It has been suggested that this exception of working areas would probably be of inconsequential effect if one considers the amount of work done in the average federal offices across the land, unless one also considers that a stringent prohibition of smoking in those spaces might dictate the ranks of the bureaucracy. It is interesting that the Senator feels the average citizen on his own time should be denied pleasures which the government employee would be permitted while working.

One dreamer suggests that federal employees could be forbidden to smoke at work. The Congress, however, would certainly find this suggestion as unacceptable as that of subjecting federal employees to social security, or of requiring congressional committees to pay men and women equally for the same work as many states' demand of others.

One need not doubt the genuineness of the concerns of Senator Kennedy and Secretary Callahan to question the propriety of imposing their predictions upon hapless smokers. A prominent nationally syndicated health columnist recently reported that persons who give up regular weight gain weight. As we know, obesity itself is recognized generally as a major American health risk.

Will the Senator and the Secretary, both of whom obviously have weight problems, fall next upon the tobacco? Will they seek to require the Internal Revenue Service to have income tax form 1040 carry spaces for a report on a taxpayer's weight and height, perhaps with a penalty for those who have

Carlisle merchants began Wednesday closing last week

Thursday, June 1, 1978

U.S. Visa recently presented a certificate of service and pin in recognition of 41 years service as an ASB volunteer of the Department of Agriculture.

A large number of parents and friends were present May 28 to witness the graduating class of the 17 eighth grade students of the county school system.

Judge Bart N. Post delivered the Commencement address May 28 to 44 graduating seniors of Nicholas County High School.

Two local girls, Mary Geance and Leslee Henry, were graduates of the 100 grade of Pinkerton High School at Midway Junior College. Miss Gertrude Myrae of Bartlettville, also a student at MJC, received an honor certificate and an English medal at commencement.

Rev. Julian Hammond, Carlisle, and Oval Haller of Bartlettville were graduates of Asbury College at Wilmore on June 4.

BOY — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouch, a daughter, Jamie Bruce, May 9.

MARRIED — Miss Phyllis Carol Brunnagan to William Site, May 9 in Paris.

DIED — Mrs. Maud Squires Burroughs, Tuesday in Louisville. — James M. Finch, 70, president of the Bank of Mayfield, Monday at his home in obviously eaten or drunk too well? Could the conspicuous failures of Congress to subject themselves to the same rules they impose on the average voter be a factor contributing to the voters' indifference?

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

A Dilly My syntax is rather spotty. My thoughts have gone awry. No means that I get in this predicament. 'Tis neither sweet nor is it sour. It's just A DILLY!

Rock detail There are several protruding objects which rock detail project ought to play back with my riding motor. Should you pass over them from the wrong direction, you've had it! That is the motor has had it in the matter of seconds it eliminated the spindle assembly of a 30-inch mower Saturday afternoon at Lake Carrico.

Maybe I should make up my mind to helping me with the rock detail. It will be money well spent I am sure.

It's the height of something to have three mowers and not one of them in useable condition.

Dance revue Linda Conley, who asked several questions the other week about the Mercury's wide-angle lens and camera like she had done the year before, made good use of the Strum lens and flash as can be seen by the picture on another page.

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Tiny plants show quality of water

DUNANT, Okla. — Extremely tiny changes in water quality. Since diatoms are widely distributed in lakes, ponds, oceans, and rivers, and since they respond quickly to the differing physical and chemical conditions of bodies of water, variations in the communities of diatoms can be used as a good indication of water quality.

Diagrams can serve this purpose. Studying the diatom communities of two experimental and two farm ponds, and consultant William W. Troeger with USDA's Science and Education Administration (SEA) Water Quality Management Laboratory here found that the tiny plants respond very quickly to

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