Opinion

A signal of unity

The pendulum that times the moods and attitudes of America's youth is swinging toward traditional national values, a survey of young people's opinions indicates.

This study definonstrated that the country's youth is sharing adult concerns about major issues, such as nuclear warfare. Such findings offer sharp contrast to the postures of teenagers in the 1960s and '70s which were marked by strident and rebellious approaches to national affairs. The survey was based on responses from 906 students aged 13 to 18 across the country.

As Flag Day, Thursday, June 14 approaches, these findings offer assurance to those concerned over certain troublesome trends of life in the United States. What the survey points out is that the basic values which have helped shape America's greatness are as sound as ever and are winning wider acceptance in an often distressed world.

The Stars and Stripes beam a signal of unity of 220 million free people welded into a nation, one and inseparable, united not only in a community of interests but by a vital unity of sentiment and purpose; a nation distinguished for the clear individual conception of its citizens alike of their duties and their privileges as well as their rights and obligations.

Congress has recognized the special intent of honoring America by setting aside the 21-day period from Flag Day to Independence Day, July 4, as a time for examining our country's problems and considering what contributions we can make to help isolve them.

This time span, selected to correspond to the traditional 21-gun salute accorded to heads of state, was initiated by the Honor America committee of the American Historic and Cultural Society and won hearty acceptance by Congress.

The Honor America group, a private, non-partisan organization, has been functioning since 1970 in stimulating a patriotic spirit through the media — press, radio, television, films — and separate historic and educational groups. Now, this year, the federal government has created and funded the national Endowment for Democracy to advance the cause of freedom and independence on an international basis. Thus, the impetus introduced by the Honor America effort is gaining momentum.

The survey of young peoples' views showed the majority agree with their parents' position on such subjects as drugs, education, politics and sex. Have the adults conscientiously thought out the answers to the problems related to these issues?

Unanimity of opinion, of course, is not to be expected. But as America's resources we should and will tread our separate paths leading toward the common good of our country.

All adult citizens should make a positive effort to register and vote'in local and national elections. In addition, everyone should try to familiarize himself or herself with local civic issues bearing on schools, taxes, crime and so forth. Some of these matters are complex and require time and effort.

But it is relatively simple to display our flag on June 14, an action which conveys a sense of respect, an indication that each individual knows and appreciates the significance of this banner.

Agree or not

Where DO we go from here?

by S.C. Van Curon

Frankfort — The plea of innocence for State Treasurer Frances Jones Mills would be amusing if it weren't so serious.

Her attorneys are not saying she didn't do it. They're just saying the Attorney General can't prosecute her. Reason: The law is unconstitutional. They say the law designating Franklin County as the place for such cases of the state to be tried is special legislation.

Now, the question is where do we go from here? There probably will be an appeal regardless of what happens in the lower courts on this question.

Mrs. Mills was indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury on 25 counts involving accusations that she used state workers and property while Secretary of State in her campaign for State Treasurer. Penalties range from 30 days in jail to five years in the penitentiary with possible fines of office. Indicted along with her on various charges were seven state employees who worked in her office.

If the Attorney General's office can't prosecute this case, who can? The responsibility for prosecution then would fall upon the Franklin County Commonwealth Attorney Morris Burton since actions took place here.

SO, IF THESE early rounds may be considered preliminary legal skirmishes regardless of what happens. At least, Burton indicated last week that it will be his obligation to pursue the case if the courts rule against the Attorney General. He also said he would follow through on it in that event.

The Attorney General Office did all of the investigating and presented them to the grand jury.

In the event Burton has to take over the case, where does he have to start? Does he start the trial in the courts, or does he have to go back and get all of the information and present it to another grand jury and obtain an indictment?

Another amusing angle about this is that one of Mrs. Mills' attorneys is saying that it is the duty of the Attorney General to defend, not prosecute Mrs. Mills, since she is an elected state official.

I've always thought, and the public conception always has been, that the Attorney General defends the state in the interest of all of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

However, law isn't an exact science which accounts for the fact lawyers say they "practice" law. It's been a common saying on press row in Frankfort for years that the Constitution "isn't what the book says it is," but "is what the state's highest court says it is."

CHANGING TIMES have caused the courts to reverse themselves through the years. Laws are interpreted at times to fit the times and the occasion as was the "rubber dollar option" on state salaries in the 1960s. Intent of the legislature often has played an important role in the court's interpretations.

Regardless of what happens in the courts, the time may be here to make the treasurer's office appointive instead of elective along with that of lieutenant governor and some others.

While the Mills' accused transgressions are not in the calibre of those of Honest Dick Tate who many years ago disappeared with stacks of the state's money, taxpayers' money shouldn't be used for four years to campaign for another office.

Second class citizens ...

Smokers are second class citizens... on Delta Airlines, anyhow. On my recent flight from Ft. Lauderdale it was necessary to change planes in Atlanta. That's nothing new. As the saying goes "you can't get to heaven without going through Atlanta."

What was new, to me, was being unable to sit in the smoking section. "Federal regulations limit the number of seats," was the story the little man at the check-in counter allowed. If another person wanted smoking, taking care of the extra row of seats, then maybe the stewardess would move the non-smoking sign up a row, he said.

When the lady behind me requested smoking all seemed well. And when a third woman asked to be seated in smoking I really felt there was nothing to be worried about.

Ha! When we boarded the three of us were spotted around the cabin, as if by design, in non-smoking. I tried to keep my mouth shut, remembering that smokers shouldn't be offensive or over-zealous, as the ads remind us. But the lady behind me was quite vocal, and probably set the smoking cause back to the days prior to Virginia Slims, had whenever that was.

All her arguing was to no avail. No nice non-smoker offered to change seats, either, probably figuring he'd be trampled in the switch by one of the women fighting for his seat.

To make matters worse, the flight was a half hour late arriving in Lexington. I think the pilot had it in for us, too, since he circled the field twice for no apparent reason.

The moral to this story is to stop smoking, of course. I may. But on my own terms. Delta Airlines is certainly not going to get the credit. To the company slogan, "Delta is ready when you are" should be added "ready to stop smoking."

All kidding aside, there's not a smoker in the world who would risk his life on a plane if controlled smoking actually poses a threat to aviation safety.

Meanwhile, let's not blame every malady on tobacco, just because it's the popular whipping boy these days. Let Kool-er heads prevail.

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Here Abouts
...with Emily A. Wolf

The groundswell of patriotism felt here aboutis, as Memorial Day celebrations ended and Flag Day and Independence Day approach, got a boost from June 6 coverage of D-Day invasions along the French coast.

For the first time in a long while there seems to be a quiet but apparent buildup in respect for our flag and servicemen and women who wear the uniforms of our country. And a very positive attitude towards our war dead and a growing understanding of why they were willing to give their lives, among our young people, presentations removed.

May this be just the tip of the iceberg.

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Speaking of Independence Day, members of the Chamber of Commerce deserve a pat on the back for spearheading the drive to get the old electric flag on the courthouse dome repaired in time for dedication July 4, during the annual Blackberry Festival.

They also are to complimented on the very attractive stick pin/tie tack/ lapel pin, whatever, they had designed to promote the "I Love Carlisle" campaign. They are adorable!

There's only one problem...the manufacturer shorted the shipment and only 250 (really but now that I have mine) are available for purchase.

So, better hurry if you're in the market for a practical souvenir, a super gift for dad, or anyone in the family, for that matter.

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Here and There — Nicholas County isn't represented at the 44th annual Kentucky Boys' State going on this week at MSU and for good reason, we're told: The young men are too busy setting tobacco and earning a little spending money this time of year...Dr. **Phil Crewe**, the new dentist in town, had some anxious moments concerning his telephone prior to opening earlier this week. Seems his number, 289-0114, had earlier been recycled by the phone company and he was receiving calls for jailer **Lynn Bowles**, who had the same number up until this year's directory was published in May. If you're looking for Lynn, dial **289-7285**...

A local foursome "caught a lot of fish" during a short visit to Lake St. Clair in Canada, just north of Detroit. **Taylor Mathers, Earl Hamm, Charles Hopkins and Bill Padgett** didn't lack for action while fishing on Mitchell Bay, an annual pilgrimage for the erstwhile anglers...

Down Memory Lane

Holbrook buys Sexton's Store; Perkins new Carlisle coach

Thursday, June 11, 1964

John Brooks Pitman, Lexington certified public accountant, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is associated with the accounting firm of U.G. Briscoe and Company. John is the son of Mrs. J.M. Pitman and the late Mr. Pitman of Carlisle.

A Nicholas Countian, Mrs. Eleanor Talbert, is among 107 teachers from 41 counties who have been awarded summer scholarships by the University of Kentucky College of Education, where they will prepare to teach mentally and physically handicapped children.

Billy Greene Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins, Carlisle, graduated at Centre College with the Bachelor of Arts degree when the school held its 141st commencement exercises in Danville Sunday night.

John Sharp, son of Mrs. Alice Sharp and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Will Argo, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident May 31 in Buffalo, N.Y., is scheduled to undergo surgery this week. He is a patient at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Kenmore. John is a 1964 graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Mary Glenn Feeback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Feeback of Carlisle, was one of 15 seniors that graduated with distinction at Morehead State College commencement exercises May 25. She achieved a 3.4 to 3.59 standing, spent three years and earned 96 hours in residence at Morehead.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Don Burton, a son, June 5 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. — To Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bourne, Delaware, OH, a daughter, Sallie Kate, May 29. — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, Sharpsburg, a daughter, June 6 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fryman, Ewing, a son, Michael Keith, June 6 at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Beverly Sue Harris and Leonard Irvin, May 30 at the Carlisle Christian Church parsonage.

DIED — Mrs. Lida Ledford, 83, June 4 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rufert Perry, Rhonda Annette Perry and Ricky Lynn Perry, June 7 in a car accident. — Priscilla Booth, 14, June 7 in a car accident. — Miss Karen Lee Shankland, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shankland, June 8 at Nicholas County Hospital. — The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cox, Millersburg, June 2 at Bourbon County Hospital. — Mrs. Bertie Dallas Mathers, 88, widow of Taylor B. Mathers, June 4 at Nicholas County Hospital.

Thursday, June 15, 1944

The Sexton Cash Store at the corner of Main and Locust Streets was sold last week to H.H. Holbrook of Carrollton. The new owner will take charge July 1.

The Carlisle playground was officially opened on June 12 by Coach William Perkins, newly appointed coach for Carlisle High School.

Mrs. William H. Frey of Carlisle received word from the War Department June 10 that her son, S.Sgt. William H. Frey Jr. was wounded in England May 8. He is married to Mrs. Hurst Adams Frey of Flemingsburg.

The Rev. Albert W. Sweazy, 25, pastor of the Versailles Methodist Church, has volunteered as an Army chaplain and is awaiting ecclesiastical endorsement and acceptance in the service. He is a graduate of Carlisle High School.

W.A. Perkins, who has accepted the position as teacher of Science and athletic director of Carlisle High School, has arrived from Dixie Heights High School, Kenton County. He plans to move his family here soon.

DIED — Frances Downing, Maylrier, 60, at the home of his half-sister, Mrs. Mary Campbell. — William Steele Marsh, 66, Saturday. — Mrs. George Westfall, Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Brown in Toledo, OH.

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Four girls involved in Lake Road accident

Four Nicholas County girls were involved in an automobile accident Wednesday, June 6 at 3:45 p.m. on Lake Road, about one mile from Carlisle.

Melissa Jones, 16, driver of the car, and her sister Rebecca, 12, suffered fractured arms when the car reportedly swerved out of control to avoid hitting a vehicle backing from a driveway across a trailer lane. According to the sheriff's office report, the car apparently overturned at least twice before stopping.

Two other occupants, Jennifer Jones, about nine, and Amy Fuller,'17, received only minor cuts and bruises. All were taken to the Nicholas County Hospital where Rebecca was also treated for a broken shoulder.

The car, a 1977 Olds, was totally destroyed. The unidentified driver backing onto the road left the scene without offering assistance, it was reported.

Op-Ed page

Of Meese and Men ...Soup kitchens are more for the in than the down-and-out

When Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese made his classic remark a while back that people eat at soup kitchens "because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it." Arthur Hoppe of the San Francisco Chronicle wanted to check this out.

He found those particularly indignant about Meese's remark were those Americans standing in a long line outside the St. Anthony Dining Room in his city. "There may be a few progent for that shoddy purpose," a dignified woman in a bandana and camel's hair coat said testily, "but the sole reason that George and I are here is that it's the rural's night out."

Arthur found ahead of her in line a young lady who was wearing jordache jeans and white sandals and she nodded in agreement. "I come here every Saturday night," she said, giggling demurely and popping her gum. "It sure is a neat spot for meeting people."

An elderly pipe-smoking man in a tweed jacket with leather elbow patches smiled. "And there's the food, too," he said. "This place is a marvelous little find. I just wish I knew what they put in their turkey stew."

Well, I'm darned sure it isn't high in cholesterol," said a young man in a warm-up suit who was diligently jogging in place. "I watch what I eat and I know good, nutritious, low-cal food. Look at the regulars. Not a fat one in the lot."

A blonde woman in a blue blazer and flannel skirt who was clutching a pink-checked man's arm shook her head. "That's not the reason we're here," she said. "You see, it's our 14th wedding anniversary. Would you believe it?"

Her husband hunched his shoulders guiltily. "I was supposed to make reservations at L'Etoile, but I forgot."

The pipe-smoker patted him on the back. "Don't worry, son," he said. "L'Etoile has never turned out a turkey stew like you're going to have."

To tell the truth, I just hate to cook," said a pimpish young man in Adidas and a T-shirt which read: "If There Is No God, Who Pops Up the Next Kleenex?"

Me, too," confessed a middle-aged woman who was wearing a frilly apron over her shirtmaker dress. "And I simply panic when we have company. Oh, that poor pot roast. Burned to a crisp! That's why there's eight of us."

We hadn't planned on it either," agreed a stout woman in a baseball cap, "but my dumb Herm here has to surprise me with his boss for dinner. And me with two pieces of red snapper in the oven."

Frankly, we're extremely embarrassed to be dining here tonight," said a white-haired gentleman in white tie and tails. "I do hope none of my friends see us. It's all a dreadful mistake."

Yes," said the regal woman at his side who was burdened under three ropes of pearls. "We were absolutely positive that this was the evening of the Little Sisters of the Poor Charity Ball. But it's next week."

The woman in the camel's hair coat nodded in approval. "Yes, we all have our reasons," she said. With her foot, she nudged a bearded man in a frayed khaki overcoat who was slumped on the sidewalk, his head on his knees, his white ankles poking out of his sockless sneakers. "And you," she said. "Why are you here?"

The man lifted his red eyes wearily. "Here?" he said. "I'm hungry."

There was a collective gasp from the waiting diners. The woman in the camel's hair coat drew back and said haughtily:

It's bums like that who give this place a bad name!"

— RM —

The Soviet Union announced it would boycott the Olympic Games this summer in Los Angeles.

This is as good a time as any to announce I have the very same intention. Let the Games begin, but count me out.

Planting deadline near for insured tobacco

June 30 is the final planting date for insured tobacco in Nicholas County, according to John Soper, district director for the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. (FCIC).

"Acres of tobacco planted by June 30, insured by FCIC (or by a private company reinsured by FCIC), must be reported by July 15 to receive full crop insurance coverage," says Soper.

Acreage planted after June 30 should also be reported on the July 15 acreage report (in the "remarks" section) as being planted too late for insurance coverage.

"The final planting date of June 30 is the latest date established by FCIC to plant and expect a normal crop to be produced. Crops initially planted after this date are not insurable unless a late planting agreement is signed by the final planting date," Soper said.

Farmers wishing to discuss local conditions, such as excessive moisture, that may affect planting should contact their local, authorized crop insurance agent as soon as possible.

Contact Soper, 368 East Main Street, Carlisle, phone 289-7543 for further information.

NO INJURY ACCIDENT

A no-injury accident occurred June 8 when a 1983 Ford, driven by Walter B. George, Route 3, reportedly pulled onto Highway 32 from Highway 1455 and into the path of a 1978 Ford pickup, driven by Luther Tincher, Route 1.

Both vehicles sustained moderate damage, according to the sheriff's report.

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Please, please help your pets

To The Carlisle Mercury:

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Your neighbors who love animals will be blessed as they see your kindness to your animals. Your livestock also will benefit from this type of help. The great God who made them, said after their creation, "It is good." I think they are beautiful.

Please, please, help your pets.

Fay S. Campbell