

***Is there a "new morality" displacing the old in America?***

# **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

*by Gene Birkeland*

**W**HEN I looked from my window at the rooftops, yards, and streets of the community below, the town had the quality of a painting. No human movement disturbs the scene. It seems unnatural but life *does* exist down there—exists behind locked doors and shuttered windows.

One day this week, evil walked those streets and left fear behind. Teen-aged evil reached out and murdered a two-year-old child not for revenge, safety, or self-protection, but in the amoral self-gratification of a momentary impulse—"to see what it was like."

The questions which torment my mind as I gaze at the community below are repeated in the minds of mothers in every one of those homes. Will the day come when my daughter will be the victim? Is my son a potential Mr. Hyde? Why was there no saving voice of conscience in this child-strangler?

Another question perhaps un-

asked by other fear-harried mothers comes to my mind. What influences in this boy's life were powerful enough to overcome the traditional teachings of home and church?

Was this boy—and the thousands of others like him—the victim of a "new morality"? What is this new code of conduct which apparently governs the lives of so many American youths today? What force is so insidious that its ideas can be adopted by the young without the knowledge of parents? Is there really a revolutionary movement creating a new morality?

According to one eminent sociologist there is, but—"the revolution is hardly well begun." John Seeley was speaking of the mental health movement which he described in these words: "A revolution in social values is what gives birth to the movement, and it is a revolutionary doctrine that the movement is moved by and expresses. . . ." (March, 1953, *Annals, American Academy of*

Political and Social Science.)

This "revolutionary" doctrine appears to be that which was expressed by G. Brock Chisholm, psychiatrist and titular head of the World Federation for Mental Health, when he said in late 1945: "... we should stop teaching children moralities and rights and wrongs." The "we" Chisholm used referred to psychiatry, its related fields, and education.

THE FEDERATION credits the "Child Study Association of America" as being of great help to the U. S. branch of the World Federation, the National Association for Mental Health (p. 14, Annual Report WFMH '54).

Among the many publications of Child Study which is promoted by the mental health groups is "The Answers To Give When Your Child Asks About Sex—With 8 Pages of Illustrations for Children." This publication was greeted by loud huzzahs when it first appeared in 1954. Among the more printable quotes in the book is the suggestion: "Many parents still suggest that the really meaningful aspects of life and love are mental or spiritual and that the physical element is a kind of afterthought, necessary perhaps, but not very. This just isn't true. . . . The teenager will be glad to hear this."

Such an attitude toward the place of sex in life is more in keeping with Chisholm's point of view than tra-

ditional Christian morality. There are many other publications pushed through the National Mental Health Association and its network of local groups which show much the same attitude. Many of these pamphlets are written for school-room use and are designed, as one instructor's guide indicates, "to integrate" discussions of sex into every segment of the curriculum as well as extracurricular activities. This daily dose of mind-conditioning on the subject of sex added to the superabundant display of sex on television, in movies, and in advertisements, cannot help having a harmful effect upon future adults of the United States.

The force which can condition the human mind without the recognition of the conditioning process is a psychiatric technique. In October, 1919, Lenin called upon Ivan Pavlov in Petrograd, for the answer to the question: "How can human behavior be controlled?"

Lenin then outlined to Pavlov his theory that human behavior could be controlled by education and exhorted Pavlov to aid the Communists through his studies of human behavior and conditioned reflex therapy. As a result of this meeting, Pavlov's research laboratories became out of bounds for even the super-powerful Soviet Cheka. Pavlov and his disciples were able to exercise complete freedom in their experiments to fulfill Lenin's dream of standardizing the Russian people

by destroying their individualism through education using Pavlov's mind-conditioning techniques.

Nearly 40 years later we have the testimonial of no less an authority than Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that Lenin and Pavlov's work has been highly successful. In her copyrighted article in the *Saturday Evening Post* of March 1, 1958, Mrs. Roosevelt relates that the Russian people are docile and uncomplaining under the Communist yoke. They are, she indicated, an unhappy people, well-disciplined, but extremely unlikely to rise up against their Kremlin masters.

THROUGH the International Congresses of the World Federation for Mental Health, Russian psychiatrists have been able to exchange information on their techniques with psychiatrists from all over the world. The mind-conditioning process is no longer exclusively Russian property.

While it is generally accepted that Communism is behind the narcotics drive, few contemporary authors dare mention Communism in connection with the so-called "sex-revolution." Yet evidence exists that there is a connection.

Leland Stowe, Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent, some time ago detailed a graphic and frightening picture of the Soviet use of unrestrained sexual license as a key weapon in subjugating the youth of captive nations. In

the March, 1955, *Reader's Digest*, Mr. Stowe described the program which causes the youth of satellite countries to think of the sex urge as "just another appetite, like the need for food and drink" and to reject as "outmoded bourgeois prejudices" premarital chastity and wedded fidelity.

It was not a pretty scene Mr. Stowe painted. His documentary indicated that the lifting of moral restraints on sex had as a consequence brought on a rampant increase in juvenile crime, venereal disease and illegitimate births. Mr. Stowe based his allegations on documented material supplied by refugees from Iron Curtain countries.

Why is it so difficult for the American people to accept the idea that the United States is a victim of the same techniques and for the same reason—to make us a satellite of the Soviet colossus? Why should intelligent Americans fight the passage of legislation intended to stem the tide of pornographic literature now flooding the United States?

Congressman John Dowdy, Texas, in the last session of Congress, introduced bills to amend Title 18 of the U. S. Code in such a way as to make unmistakable to U. S. courts the intent of the Congress to halt the use of the mail for the distribution of this depraved literature. Opposition to passage of his bills (or any version thereof) came from the Authors League of America, the American Book Publishers

Council and the American Civil Liberties Union.

One of the witnesses in favor of passing the bills was the Rev. Ralph A. Cannon, Methodist Pastor from Spartanburg, S. C., who unconsciously echoed Leland Stowe's description of life in the satellite nations: "The distorted picture which emerges from this flood of eroticism I would describe this way: sex is merely a biological function in the same category as eating and breathing. . . . Anyone who puts any stock in virtue, fidelity, and restraint is *démodé*; to have any scruples about free erotic indulgence is to be neurotically repressed. . . ."

ANOTHER WITNESS before the A House Subcommittee on the Judiciary favoring passage of the control bills was O. K. Armstrong, member of the editorial staff of the *Reader's Digest* and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications. Mr. Armstrong stated the case in the strongest terms:

Studies of the contents of news-stands today, made by members of our group, indicate that uniformly the pornographic magazine or book presents material appealing to the prurient interest of the reader, presenting in an attractive manner that which society has learned is base and mean, stimulating the reader to acts ranging all the way from the dangerously antisocial to the downright criminal.

Such literature, available on almost any newsstand, presents material in pictures and text which: (1) mocks the sanctity of the marriage vow and scorns all principles of fidelity between husbands and wives; (2) glorifies and presents as desirable acts of adultery, fornication, prostitution, and illegal sexual relations. . . . These last two points indicate that the very purpose of these magazines is to downgrade womanhood with all the sanctity that it means in the American home and community. (3) Indicates to youthful readers that it is smart and desirable to cast aside moral restraint and indulge in uninhibited sex relations; (4) arouses the curiosity of the reader in regard to acts of sadism and perversion; (5) respects no religious feelings, making mockery of ministers, priests, rabbis, and all other teachers of religious truth and of all moral and spiritual ideals. . . .

This tide of pornography is directly responsible for an alarming breakdown of moral fiber in this country—at a time when our people, young and old, need all the moral strength possible in order to answer the challenge of an ideology that would destroy our entire way of life, including our religious faith, our belief in truth, and our courage to combat evil.

Where now is our courage to combat evil? As I looked from my window at the community below, made desolate by evil, the words my mind repeats endlessly take shape, "Dear God, deliver us from evil."

# IN THE MERCURY'S OPINION

## THE POLICE STATE

*(Phony Civil Rights Bill—Communist Plan to Put You in a Strait Jacket)*

By Russell Maguire

**R**ED RUSSIA, and her "captive slave nations" now comprise one-half of the world. All events confirm that the **real goal of Communism is to centralize all power.** Our alleged "Civil Rights" Bill will give our "captive citizens" a choice between coming torture, slave labor, and mass murder, or **complete submission to Red dictatorship.** Neither would provide **HUMAN OR CIVIL RIGHTS!**

The infamous Civil Rights Act of 1957 was introduced into Congress on January 1957 by Congressman Emanuel Celler. His record speaks for itself. The Bill was passed on September 9, 1957. Part III of this Act was **temporarily deleted** only after some Senators and Congressmen battled courageously against the whole vicious Act. The valiant speeches against this phony Civil Rights Act, and its denial of filibuster, and jury

trials will rival in history the patriotic words spoken by the God-loving founders of these United States.

The Conspirators used tremendous pressure and cleverly misrepresented the Act as a "boon" for Negro voting rights.

This Civil Rights Act has already had its impact on our court system. In the phraseology of Russian atheistic dictators, **it is under an appointed "Commissariat" of Commissioners and a separate Attorney General.** Under it, you could be hauled in **SOLELY** on the trumped up charge made by the Commissariat that you had some "intent" to interfere with alleged Civil Rights. **Secret hearings, from which your attorney and witnesses could be barred, would be legalized.** The fining and imprisonment of anyone who dares to tell of anything said or done to you in these