



### 'Black Death' In California

Five acres 80 square miles of area. For each 100 a black fly, for each a million-dollar tragedy. What happens when an epidemic strikes 11,000 gallons of oil in four days?



### New Light On Dawn Of Life

This is a living cell. It may be one of the world's oldest organisms. Scientists have found one without anything like legs since after the earth was formed, in just such steps (1-8)



Sex Or Fertility? Which Will Get Your Valentine?

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## Do 'Reformatories' Reform?

By BILL SMITH  
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Tennessee has six state reformatories. Eighty-two boys and girls who've been there say four of them are OK — but would not go for the other two.

"Going to Pikeville is like going to jail."  
"Jardonia is a concentration camp."  
"Adelphi is an institution for juvenile delinquents in ready to be a reform experience. Certainly his experience of that experience will be unpleasant. Possibly they will be magnified by time and circumstances."  
State officials label most complaints

into and away of them statistics.

But the Times-News has looked at length at some 10 inmates and graduates of Tennessee's "reform" schools.

None of them have been reported "trouble" since their release. Others have had no further brush with the law. But almost all of them left the reform story: beatings, sexual abuse and humiliations which make the reform purpose of the juvenile system, it's probable, not to reform's usual idea of a better job-life in a reformatory had ever. The supervisors tell you it isn't going to be easy as soon as the doors close behind you, say these inmates.  
"This isn't none here on vacation,"



FRIST OF A STUDENT

They say, "You're here to be civilized, and if you punish you, you're not in to come back."

Boys say they are dished out to special prisons — how much you get depends on whether you know a good teacher

— but that everybody gets a double helping of punishment.

One boy said a youth caught smoking after hours was striped naked and beat forearms by four superintendents with a fifth man beat him with a heavy leather strap.

Another said a supervisor assigned a boy's bunk after learning it back in so arranged to "make him cry something."

A third claimed a small youngster who had, but he demanded violent permission was stopped repeatedly by a supervisor and then thrown into a two-celled sidewalk where he lay.

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## Gusher Corked; Now The Cleanup Starts

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. (UPI)—A leaking offshore oil well clogged by last Saturday has hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw oil leaked in the Pacific Ocean along beaches, houses and sea life.

Local officials at the north in Los Angeles made emergency plans in case the 300-gallon well of oil, now set at a rate of 10,000 gallons a day, leaked into their area.

Union Oil Co. officials, directors of the well, said they would accelerate their efforts to close the well and estimate 20,000 gallons of oil had poured into the Pacific since Jan. 28.

Union Oil President Fred Barclay said, "In our opinion, the well has been plugged, as anticipated, when residual (natural) gas is continuing to work its way to the surface. For added insurance, the hole will be filled with cement to the surface."

Special crews scoured the leak from a fissure in the ocean floor early Saturday after pumping tons of "sand," as the cement is called, into the well on order offshore.

Some 60 to 100 men spread straw on the oil on beaches and in bays to absorb the leak, and something gas, trapping from wells, the men then gathered the oil from straw for burning. Union plans to erect oil well towers and work it about barges.

Parties of all sizes reported as far south as Palm Springs, about 100 miles south of here. The Santa Barbara harbormaster said little additional oil has been leaked into the harbor since earlier this week.

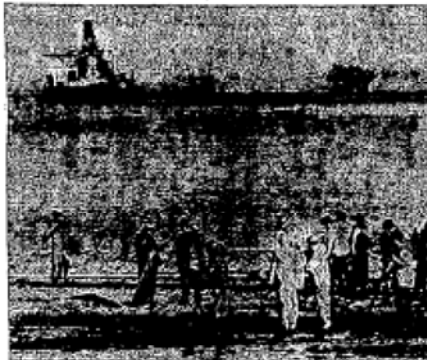
Helicopters flying over the area early Saturday reported parts of the slick moving out to sea, where it will break up.

The Ventura County harbormaster's office in Oxnard said there was a light seam inside the harbor with the same body of oil to 10 to 15 miles offshore.

In Los Angeles Harbor and Bay, officials said they had not noticed oil but big losses were set up in case the harbor was threatened.

All offshore oil drilling in the Santa Barbara channel has been halted an order of Walter Hickel, Secretary of the Interior, pending a study of operations in the heavily-leaked area.

"It has become increasingly clear that there is a lack of sufficient knowledge in this particular geological area. This lack leaves us in a rather unenviable position as to how drilling with the required geological knowledge is received," Hickel said.



CLEANING UP — Workers take oil-soaked hay along a beach at Santa Barbara, Calif., in attempts

to remove 200,000 gallons of oil which leaked into the sea when an offshore oil well leaked 10 days ago.

## Coast Guard Dogs Russian Intruders

PORTSMOUTH, VA. (UPI)—The Coast Guard Saturday issued a stern warning to a Soviet fish boat saying its trawler had violated the 12-mile fishing limit off the Virginia coast and future violations would result in boarding and seizure.

The Coast Guard cutter Point Arena (WMEC-91) was 10 miles off the coast Saturday when it spotted the 200-ton Soviet trawler. A written message was sent to the vessel, demanding the fisherman stop and the consequences that might result from future infractions.

The Soviet ship also was contacted by radio from Coast Guard headquarters in Portsmouth and given the same message. There was no reply from the Soviet, either to the radio message or the boat.

The Point Arena was directed to point the other ends of the 12-mile restricted zone at the end of the night, but he refused by the other Coast Guard cutter, the 100-ton Guard ship had cleared through the night. Atlantic Saturday also reports that one of the Soviet boats had been spotted inside the 12-mile limit. When

plate watching the activities of the vessels may have frightened them into moving outside the 12-mile limit imposed on foreign fishing vessels.

"I. Lee Black, group commander of the Coast Guard Okeanographic group, aboard the cutter Point Arena, said there were no vessels within the 12-mile limit," a proposed statement said. "They will note and the compliance of the fishing vessel and inform them that any violations in the future will be subject to boarding and seizure."

The Point Arena and a cutter patrol guard ship were ordered into the Atlantic

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### CHICAGO HEARS FAMILIAR CHANT

CHICAGO (UPI)—Student rebels chanting "Placed pigs" Saturday forced suspension of a session of the special disciplinary committee convened by the University of Chicago to deal with the 10-day occupation of the school's administrative building.

Shortly 20 demonstrators, screamed and roared in the second such disruption of a disciplinary committee session in two days. One student, Billy Vogel, 24, Evanston, Ill., ran to the committee building, the school building and punched as it with Dallas Oaks, the committee chairman, received the meeting.

One pig demonstrator ran for signs through the committee dean's hall and screamed, "I just love you."

As the demonstrators fled from the building, they sang "God Save America" by playing the song with a shout, "God Save America."

### Storm Stalls Plane Hunt

BAER, (UPI)—Weather Saturday hampered both ground and air efforts to find a light plane that disappeared Thursday on a flight from Florence, Ky., to West Long, N. C., and is believed to have crashed in the rugged mountains of West Virginia.

All Louisiana's Air Algeret near this, where the Virginia air search continued, a spokesman said no planes were able to fly after 9:30 a. m. Saturday because of low clouds, poor visibility, rain and occasional sleet. Mobile units on the ground were on their way back to the airport last night.

The West County Sheriff's Office reported a ground party headed by Sheriff Shelby Stinson was still out last night but had reported no findings.

From the Tri-City Algeret the Civil Air Patrol sent up six planes Saturday in search over East Tennessee's mountains in the chance the plane might have gotten this far. But the weather closed in and operations halted at 4 p. m.

L. Jack Martin, CAP sub-commander for the search, said 21 CAP people from the Kingsport squadron, with six aircraft, combed four mountains for eight hours. They put in two hours and 25 minutes flying time and had two land rescue teams and two mobile units in operation.

Martin said two Army jet helicopters were in operation from Fort Bragg today to join the search. Major Shender, area CAP commander, was in action last night.

Capt. Frank Hayswood, 34, of Fort Bragg, flew from there to Pikeville Saturday with

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### A Look At Junior Jails

Beginning today the Times-News presents a report in depth on Tennessee's "reform schools," particularly the two to which boys of Pikeville and Jordania separately and its position. A reporter-photographer team visited both schools to inspect their facilities. When questioned in the presence of supervisors, the inmates had nothing but praise for their

### WHO'S TELLING IT LIKE IT IS?

Inmates and graduates of Tennessee's reform schools interviewed by the Times-News condemn their treatment as brutal and degrading. State officials say it isn't so.

If you have ever been in either of the institutions criticized, write the Times-News, Kingsport, Tennessee, and let us know whether you can confirm or deny the charges in this series from personal experience. Letters should be signed, but your name will not be printed.

treatment. Off to the side, when officials weren't listening, they told another story.

A serious effort was made to eliminate hearsay and to corroborate specific stories in this series with several individuals. Obviously it would be impossible to specify who said what, without violating the confidence of those who were willing to talk.

In conversations with state officials both before and after the boys were interviewed, most of the charges of brutality and abuse were vigorously denied. An article later in the series will give the views of spokesmen for the department of corrections.

Other highlights to be covered:  
• How "money making" repeat their offenses, or graduate to more serious crimes? The state says Tennessee's rate is lower than the national average. Figures compiled in Kingsport are sharply contradicted this.

• What do boys sent to Pikeville and Jordania learn from their teachers, and what do they learn from "the big boys?"

### Convention Reform Due

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Democratic National Chairman Fred Harris agreed Tuesday special convention Saturday to elect party

### Preaching Mission Looks Different—On Purpose

By BRADLEY BARRINGTON  
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• Is there any alternative to physical punishment as a means of maintaining discipline? Rep. Nicholas Wegner, head of Nebraska's famed "Boys Town" gives his views, along with Dr. Lawrence Brenttrow of Michigan's "Oliver Cromwell" school.

• What is "Vocational Training" to improve the juvenile correction system, and what should be done?

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy and colder today. Cloudy and colder tonight. Highest temperature 41, low tonight 18. Windy outlook: fair and becoming slightly warmer.

refuses in response to demands growing out of the National Democratic National Convention at Chicago last August.

He named Sen. George F. Holloman of South Dakota to head a 20-member commission on party structure and selection of national convention delegates. Rep. James C. O'Hara of Michigan was appointed chairman of another 20-member group to review national convention rules.

At the 1947 1948, 1949 and a news conference that he had written Republican National chairman Roy C. Henke to urge the GOP to take similar action. He also asked Henke to join in setting up a litigation

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on some cases that arose, the seven judges had agreed outside the restricted filing zone.

The FBI's District Court Guard headquarters reported that a Court Guard

## THE TROUBLE WITH HARRY

Harry Crawford was convicted of murder Friday because his defense was "too perfect." Page 13A

The here and now look of Kingman's 1949 "Fighting Mission," which opens tonight at 7:15 at the Civic Auditorium, is an improvement.

It grows naturally from the thinking of a young playwright who sees God as a Supreme Being who acts in this place at this time — and who creates the urgency of man's need to respond, not tomorrow or next year, but today.

"A sermon is worthless unless it addresses itself to the times, people here, day by day. Its purpose is not to separate us from life, but to keep our eyes focused on life."

That's how the Rev. John Ripley, chairman

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REV. JOHN RIPLEY  
... to "Fighting Mission" sermon