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Editorials

The President's War on Crime

President Johnson's message to Congress on law enforcement and the administration of justice has the commendable support of all law-abiding citizens of the United States.

In his message to Congress, President Johnson called for the creation of a citizens' commission, but one is doubtful what such a commission can accomplish.

But the Chief Executive did suggest some promising measures, which we think should be implemented forthwith and with a telling effect.

Other proposals of President Johnson, especially those dealing with drug addiction, are also encouraging inasmuch as they do not stress sole reliance on repressive tactics.

These and other measures proposed by the President should be speedily adopted by Congress.

"Libraries Not For Burning"

Under such heading an article was recently printed in The Economist of London, commenting on the burning of U.S. libraries in the various parts of the world in protest against U.S. foreign policies.

The editorial points out that a series of book-burning incidents in the various USIA libraries kept by U.S. Embassies abroad has irritated American officials and the American citizenry.

This wave of anti-Americanism in Asia and Africa, and especially the crime of book-burning more often than not, is supervised and directed by governments themselves.

More than 600,000 volumes of Ukrainian books, manuscripts, monographs and other valuable literary objects and rarities were burned in a fire which lasted several days and which the Soviet authorities were not eager to extinguish.

Book-burning practices are certainly typical of governments which try to keep their populations in a state of obscurantism and darkness.

The same practice was introduced by the Nazi regime in Germany, when some of the finest works of German literary figures were destroyed and burned because the Nazi regime considered them dangerous to the Nazi philosophy.

It would seem that the newly-established countries of Asia and Africa—and many of them are recipients of our foreign aid programs—are committing a flagrant injustice not only to the United States, but their own peoples as well.

Book-burning, no matter who carries it out, is one of the most backward acts than can ever be conceived by any government or person.

CHANGES IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM*

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Disunity Among the Allies Another and a more disturbing element is that evidence is growing that the free world for whatever reason is not inclined to act as a unit in opposing this new attempt at a Communist takeover.

Yet an increasing number of the prisoners being captured at the present time are obviously new arrivals from the North and are citizens of the North without any special bonds or ties with the population of the areas where they are now fighting.

On the other hand, despite the hostility at the moment between the Soviet Union and Red China, both of the large Communist powers are united in their determination to carry through the "war of liberation" on the pretext that since North Vietnam has come to form part of the Communist bloc, and is now engaged in a "war of liberation," they are in honor bound to support North Vietnam against any attacks by a non-Communist power or powers.

Why did the judge make such strenuous efforts to prevent anyone from taking notes in the courtroom ("What are you writing there?," "Where do you work?," etc.) (N.B. The two questions are written in Russian.) Finally, the main thing: If it was all the same to the incendiary what he was setting on fire, why did he set fire to the Ukrainian departments instead of, let us say, the department of Marxism-Leninism where he worked?

MOSCOW'S BOOK-BURNING IN UKRAINE

ON OCCASION OF POHRUZHALSKY'S TRIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the complete text of a secret document distributed in Ukraine and the USSR, pertaining to the fire in the library of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR in Kiev.

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These and other questions (and there can be many of them) were not asked at the trial. How could they be asked when the KGB was in charge of the whole trial, which even "prepared" witnesses in advance, and obtained signed statements from the library employees to the effect that they would not "bring up the irrelevant." (Translator's comment: the quotation is in Russian—"boltať lishneye.")

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THE NEXT PHASE IN SHEVCHENKO 'BRIDGEBUILDING'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement by the Hon. Thaddeus J. Dulski (D-N.Y.) appeared in the March 15, 1965 issue of the Congressional Record:

Mr. Speaker, the President's oft-repeated call for building bridges with the peoples of Eastern Europe cannot find a better and firmer response than in the continuous Shevchenko bridge building between our country and the largest captive non-Russian nation in Eastern Europe.

frequently interrupted journey to the area in which they are assigned. They carry with them supplies of arms and ammunition of ever better quality and range, so that the Vietcong are in a position to undertake more ambitious projects than they could in the early days.

It is because of the certainty that these tactics will continue that the United States has so far rejected all requests, whether from the United Nations or individual countries, for negotiations as to the ending of the war, for the American government realizes that none of the results of such negotiations will have any more validity than all the resolutions and decisions made and supposedly supervised, by a mixed commission, have had in the last ten years.

Sooner or later this truth will sink into the minds of the American people and it is to be hoped also into the minds of the other free countries of the world.

The enemies of culture are free into prison they put only me? Besides, Pohruzhal'sky's fate will be decided by his accomplices and adherents.

Why are we living? Where are we being led? We have been spat in the face many times. This year we have been spat at particularly impudently.

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Can they be robbed? But each year they give away everything they have! Take away the language? That is being done every day.

Destroy the monuments of culture? They demolished the oldest Desiatynna Church, destroyed the Mykhaylivsky and Uspensky cathedrals, and currently they are destroying ancient churches in the villages...

History feeds the immortal heart of Ukraine. History gave birth to Shevchenko and thousands of national heroes and they can again be resurrected in every young boy and girl.

Ukrainians! Do you know what they have burned down? A part of your mind and soul has been burned. Not the one which Stalin's terror brought to bay, spat upon, drove into the heels, but the one which was to be resurrected in our children and grandchildren.

"DROPPED" INSURANCE MAY STILL BE GOOD

Every once in a while a bank would advertise in the newspapers for certain of its depositors to get in touch with it and let it have their latest addresses. Long lists of names of depositors and last known addresses are published.

UNA branch secretaries have been returning dividend checks to the Main Office because they do not have the addresses of the members entitled to them.

UNA is holding benefits of deceased members because they cannot be located. Some of them, no doubt, are behind the Iron Curtain.

A "dropped" insurance certificate is not necessarily automatically cancelled. For more than thirty years the UNA has been issuing certificates which provide for cash or loan values, paid-up insurance, and extended insurance.

"Keep Our Culture, Too," Ukrainians Tell Canada

The Montreal Ukrainians told the Laurendeau-Dunton Commission on March 17, 1965 that it could accept only half of the Royal Commission's official name.

Presenting its brief at the morning session the Montreal section declared it "accepts the official bilingualism of communication, but rejects the notion of biculturalism."

The group also asked for equal access to official posts for all citizens of the country without discrimination of origins.

The Ukrainians in Canada have profited from the original quality of the country. The survival of French-Canadians has, in a way, justified the survival of Ukrainians.

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