

# 'Social crime' defined by guidance specialist

By MARILYN BETMAN

Crime, prisons and drug problems may not be the most traditional subjects of philosophical debate, but these were the topics discussed by Harvey Leon Katz at the third meeting of the Detroit Philosophical Society for the 1974-75 season.

The meeting was held recently at the Shiloh Hotel in Southfield.

HARVEY KATZ describes himself not so much as a humane person but rather an action person.

He attended Mumford High School and received his BS degree in special education from Wayne State University in 1962.

He became involved in his current occupation of guidance specialist after completing his masters degree in guidance and counseling in 1965. He has also worked in Detroit and suburban public school systems as a guidance counselor.

Defining social crime as "how far one can get away with creating

dissonance among his neighbors," Katz said everyone has an inherent desire to do what society condones.

"EVERYONE has created some crime in his life," he said, "but naturally it varies in degrees."

"If a young child commits violent acts, he must be corrected immediately by his parents or the school."

Katz attacked the prisons as "old-fashioned, medieval institutions that do little to rehabilitate a criminal."

"You cannot prevent crime by locking people up," he said.

"A special society is formed in prison, and when they get out, many want to come back because they have maintained the personality of a criminal."

"This accounts for the high percentage of returns."

"An individual who wants to be controlled will go right back to jail because the government is paying the bill for his food, clothing and shelter and he doesn't have the in-

sight of where else to go for help."

PREVENTATIVE treatment to combating crime, Katz said, is coming.

"People must be dealt with on a mass scale," he said, "and preventative treatment should be applied with human interest."

The Common Ground drug clinic and Porch Front publication in Birmingham are examples of preventative measures taken to allow potential addicts and criminals to voice their opinions.

"This is one tool, through writing, that can provide these people with an outlet," he said.

"THIS IS also true of the Pen Pal method of communicating with prisoners by writing to them and asking them to talk about their backgrounds."

"Many have college educations but have been in trouble because of drugs and other petty crimes that mar their records."

Katz also said the court system is inadequate. It determines whether or not a person has committed a crime.

"Our judicial system takes a man who has allegedly committed a crime, and places him in front of a man who will decide his future," he said.

"SINCE WE are dealing with individuals who can also make mistakes, there is every possibility that the judge may make the wrong decision."

"A lawyer can also put his client in a very dangerous position and defame his character if the defense is not carried out properly."

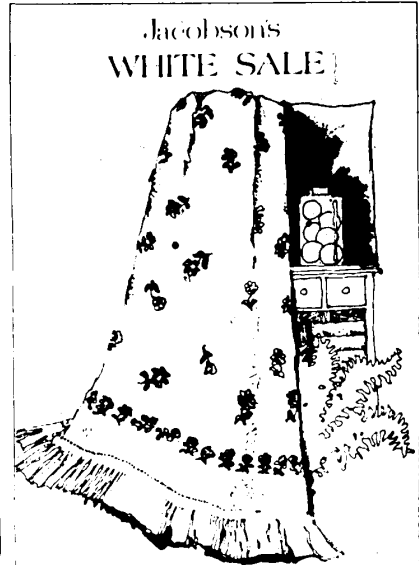
He added that lobotomy, the surgical process of changing the character of the "criminally insane" is not a solution to the problem.

"THIS METHOD is wrong because it gives up on the human approach of teaching, counseling and

guidance," he said.

The Detroit Philosophical Society has monthly lectures on traditional and modern topics of philosophical interest.

Lectures for 1974 have included transcendental meditation, "What is Philosophy," Women's lib, sudden infant death, and churches in the Soviet Union.



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## Greek Community blocked from aiding Cypriots

By SHIRLEE IDEN

When Cyprus was invaded by the Turks several months ago, about 240,000 Greek Cypriots became refugees.

"People wanted to do something, so they started to collect clothing spontaneously," said Mary Laffer of Southfield.

Miss Laffer is chairman for Cyprus Relief for her church, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

Clothing was gathered in all the orthodox churches and then was collected to get it out of the churches.

Today there are warehouses in New York and Athens filled with that material.

"THE PROBLEM is getting them to Cyprus,"

Miss Laffer said only one sea lane is open to Cyprus and all other approaches are mined.

"This British place can get in and that's limited," she said.

"In spite of private citizens wanting to help there is the frustration of not being able to get the clothing there."

"People should write to their congressmen about the need to get relief to Cyprus."

Churches have been burned and priests beaten and two priests were killed.

She said people have been prevented from worshipping in their churches, books have been burned and there have been many rapes of young girls.

"ONE THOUSAND years of history were wiped out in the wake of the war's destruction," she said.

Her parents were born in Asia

Minor and she grew up hearing about the old country and about the inhumanity of men to other men.

Fifteen tons of clothing were collected in the Detroit area," she said.

"And the gathering is going on all over the country and in Canada."

Dr. George Tsoulas, coordinated the drive in the greater Detroit area.

NON-GREEK neighbors and friends of Greek residents of Detroit and the suburbs spontaneously joined their neighbors and gave clothing to the drive.

The clothing was transported free to New York and then to Athens by Olympic airlines, also free of charge.

Even though the drive began in the summer, thousands of people are freezing in those mountains today," Miss Laffer said.

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MARY LAFER

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