

Juvenile Court Should Become 'Last Resort'

Since the juvenile court was born during the turn-of-the-century reform wave, it has been at the center—the doorway—to the handling of juvenile offenders.

But a distinguished law educator suggested last week that the juvenile court step aside, give other agencies a first chance to deal with the youngster, and be only a "last resort."

Dr. Conrad Paulsen, Columbia University law professor who recently was appointed dean of the University of Virginia law school, made the suggestion Thursday when he addressed a workshop at a statewide conference on crime in Detroit's Cobo Hall. His talk was covered exclusively by The Observer Newspapers.

JUVENILE COURTS, said Paulsen, have had their tradition of "informal" procedure killed by the U.S. Supreme Court's "Gault" decision.

That was the case in which an Arizona boy, allegedly guilty of making obscene telephone calls, was sent to a training school for a period that could have ranged up to six years; whereas, if he had been tried in an adult court, he could have been sentenced to no more than 60 days in jail.

The high court ruled that where there is a chance the juvenile could be incarcerated, the youngster is entitled to such procedural safeguards as a notice of the charges, the right to an attorney, the right not to be required to testify against himself, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against him.

PAULSEN POINTED to the recommendations of the President's Crime Commission Report, which suggested that the treatment of juvenile offenders begin with a "youth service center."

Under that procedure, a youngster's family could make an agreement under which the agency would have some jurisdiction over the child in an effort to straighten him out.

If that failed, then the juvenile court procedure would be used as a last resort.

Paulsen said the turn-of-the-century reformers who started juvenile courts would be pleased by the turn of events. The proposed new arrangement, in which the court would be the last step rather than the first, would emphasize service to the child first and avoid stigmatizing the youngster by keeping him out of court for awhile.

McDonald Urges Spending Shift

Congressman Jack McDonald (R-19th District) called today for "immediate creation" of a \$2.5 billion Human Renewal Fund "to meet urgent human needs and the urban crisis in our nation."

He said the fund could be set up in the 1969 budget by cutting back \$6.5 billion in "non-essential" federal spending.

McDONALD SAID that \$500 million should be allocated to mobilize private industry to provide jobs and training; \$250 million to provide vocational and technical education; \$250 million to an expanded housing program; \$250 million for air and water pollution control; \$100 million for a model tax credit approach to induce industry to expand in rural areas; \$100 million would go for crime control and \$50 million toward improving education.

Deterrals, totaling \$6.5 billion, could be made in public works, public buildings, non-military research, highway beautification, the supersonic transport and such other low-priority programs as Govern-

ment public relations.

McDONALD CALLED for holding the foreign aid spending line at present levels and said Congress must demonstrate its sincerity by deferring major construction and new facilities on Capitol Hill.

He urged a cutback of 200,000 military personnel in Europe and denial of the President's request for 45,000 additional civilian workers.

Noting that federal employment had increased 561,000 in seven years, the congressman called for an average three per cent reduction which he said would be well below the normal annual attrition rate.

He said the proposal had been referred to the House Republican Task Force on Urban Affairs, of which he is a member, and that the advice of the nation's leading urban experts would be sought.

Bluegill, Perch Hit In Area

Good bluegill and perch fishing are reported by the State Conservation Department in southeastern Michigan, although ice conditions must be watched carefully.

"Good quality" bluegill fishing was reported on Pontiac, Big Cass, Louise, Tipisico, Crystal, Crocheed and Wildwood lakes.

"Very good" perch fishing, with catches averaging eight to 10 inches, was reported on Anchor Bay in Lake St. Clair and on the Huron River.

Russian hooks or small-teardrop spoons with small minnows or grubs are the best perch baits.

The Conservation Department noted there is no closed season on northern pike and walleyes on Lake Erie or the connecting waters of the Great Lakes—Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, Detroit River and St. Mary's River.

'Taste And See' Luncheon Set

A "Taste and See" luncheon will be given by the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church of Farmington at noon on Wednesday, March 20.

A buffet of favorite dishes will give those who attend a chance to enjoy a variety of home-made hot foods, salads, breads and desserts. Recipes also will be available.

After luncheon, a feast for the eyes will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Raymond Bodinus and Mrs. Richard Gault, as members of local garden clubs display a variety of seasonal table settings with appropriate flower arrangements.

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