

Chafee Against Legalization Of Marijuana

John H. Chafee, Republican candidate for the Senate, said yesterday he is "completely opposed to the legalization of marijuana."

"I believe we must do everything in our power to end the drug problem, not encourage it," he said.

"The use of marijuana is in no way beneficial for our society. It does not make sense to legalize a drug whose side effects are not only negative but whose value to the medical profession is zero," he said. "We are not going to solve our drug abuse problem by making drugs more available."

Mr. Chafee said that "of all the social ills confronting our society, none is more acute than drug abuse. There are close to 700,000 drug addicts in the United States today, more than in any country in the world. It has ruined thousands of young lives."

"Here in Rhode Island, drug abuse has been increasing by 10 to 20 per cent annually. Eighty to 90 per cent of these Rhode Island users are under age 30," he said.

He said that "40 per cent of the major crimes committed in our state are drug-related and in many of our nation's major cities the percentage is even higher."

"Some argue marijuana is not habit-forming. Yet, the majority of those now addicted to the use of hard drugs started out as habitual marijuana users," he said.

Mr. Chafee said the medical journal "Lancet" recently printed studies indicating habitual use of marijuana can lead to brain damage. "Are we to sanction a drug which produces these results?" he asked.

Air Vietnam Crash

Saigon — (UPI) — A twin-engine propeller-driven air Vietnam DC-3 airliner crashed 25 miles northwest of Saigon yesterday afternoon on a flight from Laos to Saigon, military sources said. First reports indicated eight persons were killed and three injured.



Hope Moran paddles; Clarence Gaudette discusses the Blackstone with John Chafee. —Journal-Bulletin Photo

Paddles Campaign Canoe

Chafee Inspects Blackstone

By WAYNE WORCESTER

With a small troupe of aides two of his sons and a seasoned guide, Republican candidate for Senator John H. Chafee hauled, pulled and paddled his campaign canoe down three quiet miles of the Blackstone River from Cumberland to Pawtucket yesterday for a post-ZAP inspection of the once-great waterway.

He enjoyed the river; described the new condition of its banks as "terrific" and marveled at finding solitude in a particular spot near Central Falls.

At 12:30 p.m., after the trip had ended, Mr. Chafee said the federal government should make more matching funds available to Rhode Island under the Green Acres Program for conservation of all such areas.

The program was launched during Mr. Chafee's administration as governor. Since November, 1965, when voters approved a bond issue of 5 million dollars for the program, 3,791 acres of land have been reclaimed as conservation and recreation areas.

In November, 1968, voters rejected a bond issue of 7 million dollars. The program has now practically dried up.

The former secretary of the Navy also said the federal government should continue to help finance local sewer projects.

"The reason this river is a whole lot cleaner now than it was 10 years ago — 10 years ago, if you put your hand in this water you'd come up with just a fistful of muck and practically no water — is that a lot of the mills and industries on the river have tied

into interceptors that take their sewage somewhere else," said Clarence Gaudette.

He was raised on the river, knows its every bend and yesterday he was Mr. Chafee's guide.

Before the canoe trip began, he took Mr. Chafee and two reporters along part of the Blackstone Canal, built in the 1830s for inland commerce to Worcester. It became outmoded before it could reach its commercial potential when the former Providence to Worcester railroad was constructed.

The canal has been accepted as a historic site by the National Historical Society and if litigation involving a portion of it is ever settled, most of it will probably be reclaimed as conservation land, Mr. Gaudette said.

Mr. Chafee, several aides and his two sons, Zachariah, a 21-year-old senior at Harvard University, and Lincoln, a 19-year-old sophomore at Brown University, launched three, four-man canoes and a small, motorized rubber raft about 11 a.m. behind the Almas shopping center on Mendon Road in Cumberland.

The air was brisk, chilly. Spirits were high. A few "Chafee" posters mounted on sticks and loaded into the canoes and two reporters were the only visible signs that the campaign had not been momentarily suspended.

A turtle scurried into the green water from the rock where he had been basking in the sun. The troupe was startled to see three ducks winging north. Later, the canoes

passed three more sitting on a small island in midstream.

Throughout the trip, Mr. Gaudette narrated countless bits of history and personal recollections. "Back in the thirties we'd take about 30 mink and 300 muskrats out of here every year. We were seven or eight of us trapping regularly then," he said.

And he directed everyone ashore several times to show dumps which remain to be "zapped."

He pointed out several spots in Cumberland where he said businesses had poured fill into the river to stretch their parking lots and company properties, narrowing the flow of the Blackstone so much that a heavy rain can make it wild and treacherous.

He showed watermarks on buildings where Hurricane Carol in 1954 drove the river five feet up brick, cement and wooden walls causing wreckage state and federal governments later helped repair "with our tax dollars."

He also pointed out a drainage pipe which he said regularly dumps the overflow of private cesspools into the river.

In a stretch of still water in marshlands just north of Central Falls, Mr. Chafee looked around, said the area was beautiful and said he was "amazed at nature's resiliency despite the years of degradation man has heaped upon her," at which Zachariah laughed and said that was "another Chafeeism."

The canoes were shouldered onto cars to avoid the Somerset Dam in Cumberland and another off Roosevelt Avenue in Valley Falls.

The last leg of the trip

brought the canoes, campaign signs raised, in view of Chafee supporters atop the Exchange Street Bridge in Pawtucket.

Television cameras waiting by the landing site at the Slater Mill Historic Site caught Jack Lyle, 22, Chafee youth coordinator for Lincoln, as he lost his balance getting out of a canoe and toppled backward into the Blackstone.

He said he was embarrassed and wondered aloud if he would need a tetanus shot.

Nixon's Daughter Leads German Society Parade

Chicago — (UPI) — Tricia Nixon Cox led a German-American Society parade down State Street yesterday.

President Nixon's daughter then headed to a visit to Northwest Community Hospital in Suburban Arlington Heights to dedicate a mobile emergency unit.

Last night, she was to address the Polish Alma Mater of America on "my father's trip to Poland."

Mrs. Cox, wearing a purple dress and white boots, walked about four blocks down State Street at the head of the parade. She was introduced at a reviewing stand by Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie, but did not address the crowd.

N.H. Candidate

Concord, N. H. — (UPI) — Mayor Malcolm McLane, a member of one of Concord's oldest Republican families, announced he would run for governor as an independent.

He told a news conference, "I do not believe there is any choice between the candidates of the two parties."

2 Men Plead Innocent in Bar Killing

Two Providence men pleaded innocent in district court here yesterday to murder charges stemming from a shooting Friday night in which one man was killed and another wounded.

Ronald G. Belluscio, 27, of 28 Dover St. and Donald A. Cambio, 26, of 32 Battey St. were sent to the Adult Correctional Institutions after their arraignment. Murder is a non-bailable offense in district court.

Both men also were charged with assault with intent to kill and Belluscio was charged with three weapons counts. They pleaded innocent to all the charges and bail was set at \$2,000 on each of these charges.

The suspects were arrested shortly after the 11:30 shooting of Edward Mourine, 32, of 50 Common St. at the Baby Grand Lounge, 95 Eddy St. Wounded in the shooting was Richard Lee, 40, of Parkway Avenue. He was treated at Rhode Island Hospital and released yesterday.

The shooting began during an argument between the victim and another man. Police said Mr. Lee apparently tried to assist Mr. Mourine when he was struck by the bullet.

Mr. Mourine was a son of John Mourine of Providence and the late Agnes (Dalley) Mourine. He was employed as a tree

Democratic Outing Today

Mrs. Eunice Shriver, wife of Democratic vice presidential candidate Sargent Shriver, is scheduled to attend the state Democratic outing today at Rocky Point Park in Warwick.

Mrs. Shriver is to participate in a speaking program set for mid-afternoon.

The outing will begin at noon with a rock band concert that will end at 2 p.m. Another band concert is scheduled for after the speaking program.

Others on the program include Sen. John O. Pastore, chairman of the Rhode Island effort to elect Sen. George S. McGovern, Democratic presidential candidate.

trimmer for Able Tree Co. for the past five years. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Besides his father, he is survived by three daughters, Deborah, Jacqueline and Pamela Mourine, all of Coventry; two brothers, John Mourine of Cranston and Daniel Mourine of Providence; four sisters, Mrs. Agnes Tabishesky, Mrs. Ethel Walsh, Mrs. Marian Sherry and Mrs. Ann Bodington, all of Providence.

His funeral will be held Tuesday at 8 a.m. from the Russell J. Boyle Funeral Home, 331 Smith St., with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Casimir's Church, Smith Street, at 9. Burial will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston.

Man Robbed of \$5

George Bennett, 23, of 38 Linden St. told police he was assaulted and robbed of \$5 at about 5:45 p.m. yesterday as he was walking along Pine Street near Portland Street.

He said a gang of young men surrounded him and took his money. Several members of the gang punched the victim, but he was not seriously injured, police said.

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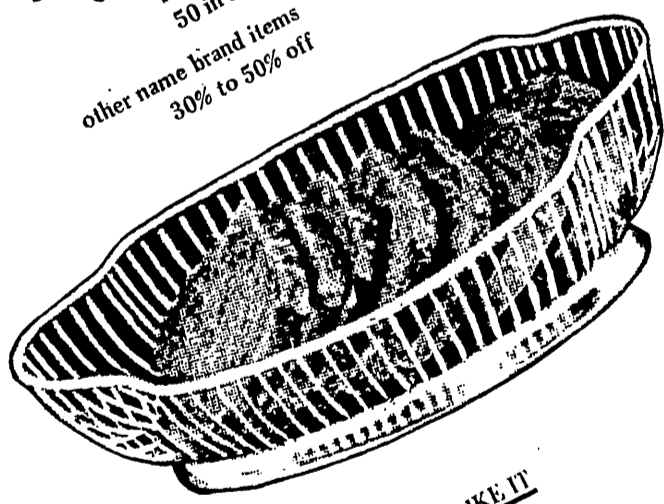
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