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USDA REPORTS ON PUPIL PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Most U. S. School children have noontime food programs available to them, according to a report issued today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Economic Research Service conducted a sample survey of 3,673 public and private elementary and secondary schools in March 1968 to measure participation in lunch programs and to evaluate trends in programs. At the time of the survey, 82 percent of the Nation's school-age youngsters had lunch services regularly available to them.

Participation rates in the National School Lunch Program per day averaged about 51 percent of the public school pupils and 56 percent of the private school enrollees. Daily participation rates in plate lunch or a la carte food services outside the national program were about 35 percent in public schools, 42 percent in private institutions.

Lower lunch prices encouraged higher daily participation. The ERS researchers found almost two-thirds of the pupils in public elementary schools in the National School Lunch Program ate meals priced at 25 cents, but participation dropped back to 38 percent at a charge of 40 cents.

At the time of the ERS survey--March 1968--most youngsters paid 30 to 35 cents for their lunches. These low prices were made possible by contributions from Federal, State, and local agencies.

"Open" lunch periods generally cut participation in noontime food programs. Seven percent fewer students ate school lunches in public schools that permitted pupils to leave the premises, compared with schools that required attendance during the lunch period.

A copy of "Lunch Programs in the Nation's Schools," AER 210 is available free on post-card (please include zipcode) or telephone request (DU 8-7255), to Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

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NEW CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW IN EFFECT

CARSON CITY-Three new consumer protection laws went into effect July 1, protecting vehicle buyers; aiding persons having their vehicles repaired; and assisting agencies cracking down on stolen or abandoned vehicles.

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According to Ciardella, anyone tampering with an odometer setting can be convicted of a misdemeanor. Persons, or agencies selling vehicles must sign an odometer statement and give it to the purchaser, who then must retain the form for two years.

In repairing vehicles, a new law which is now in effect requires a signature on all work orders by the persons requesting work before the repair shop, garage, or service station can perform the repairs. Ciardella said "failure to abide by this law could result in the forfeiture of any right to a lien on the vehicle or collection of the repair bill and is punishable as a misdemeanor."

The third law he cited requires keepers of garages, trailer parks, or parking areas to report to the Department of Motor Vehicles the presence and license plate number of any vehicle held for 30 days or more if he has reason to believe the vehicle is stolen or abandoned.

He said a report must be made to the sheriff's office or police station depending on the location of the storage areas.

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as they pertain to minority groups.

FACTS SHOW GUILT

The following facts were established at the Calley trial:

1. No combat action was in progress at Mylai when Calley killed his victims.
 2. Groups of women, children and babies in their mothers' arms were rounded up along with old unresisting men. Cringing and crying they were herded into groups and killed with automatic and semiautomatic fire while pleading for mercy and screaming in pain and fear.
 3. Witnesses testified repeatedly that they saw bullets from Calley's gun tearing off "pieces of heads" and saw "flesh flying."
 4. Calley admitted that he got as close as five feet from his victims, shooting pointblank into their bodies.
 5. No proof shows Calley was ordered to kill civilians.
 6. Calley shot those people in direct violation of the laws of the United States in direct violation of the expressed policies of the U. S. Armed Forces, and in direct violation of international law.
 7. Calley was tried by a jury of six battle veterans, five of whom had been in combat once or more in Vietnam. The sixth had been wounded three times fighting in Korea.
- Whether the Vietnam war is good or bad was not on trial. Whether somebody else also killed Vietnamese civilians--whether Calley was a scapegoat--whether Vietnamese are "gooks" and "all of them look alike"--not one of these issues was on trial.

CALLEY ADMITS KILLING

The simple question was whether Calley killed unresisting civilians. Calley agreeing with various witnesses, admitted he killed the people. The jury of veterans then found him guilty.

Some people who rushed to Calley's defense appeared to be inflicted with the skeleton-in-closet or pregnant-daughter complex, in which all sins are indignantly denied and all closets are pronounced clean even though everybody hears the skeleton's bones rattling.

Others seemed to consider Calley a symbol of American national existence or an extension of the citizen himself. To them an acknowledgment of Calley's wrongdoing would constitute a humiliating confession of national and personal sin. So they simply refuse to look at the facts.

Both phenomena have appeared in White America's behavior during black people's recent struggle for equality and dignity.

But most of the people who rush to Calley's defense were usually the same ones who at election time talk most about law and order. They are generally the same ones who resisted racial equality, favored Haynesworth and Carswell for the Supreme Court and condoned physical abuse and discrimination against American minorities.

Lester Maddox said "Thank God for Calley." George Wallace said Calley deserved freedom and a medal for this acts. Surveys by Gallup and Harris showed pro-Calley sentiment strongest in the Deep South and among the less-educated people in rural areas across the nation.

The arbitrary and unpunished killing of non-white people had been a fact of life for many years in the United States. The racial bias that condones killing of non-whites showed itself again.

Suppose Calley had been black and his victims had been white people!

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