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Why Zoots? Psychiatrist Says Youths Unable to Get In Service Seek Attention

On the one hand, you have the youth who, like a lodge member, wants to be a fabled prince. He clothes himself in ankle-snug pants that button above the chest like a bizarre barrel. He drapes himself with a yellow checked jacket that reaches to the knees like a topcoat tailored for Gary Cooper.

On the other hand, you have a youth picked by Uncle Sam as a typical American guy. Acting "perfectly normal," he resents any distortion of his American typical guy picture. And so, you have the Los Angeles clashes between the zoot suiters and the service men.

That's the expert opinion of Dr. Joseph Catton, noted San Francisco psychiatrist, who yesterday delved into the mental processes of the devotee of zootery and came up with these reflections on what makes the zoot suiter tick:

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"Your zoot suiter is not old enough to get into the service, or he's in 4-F or will not be accepted because he already has a delinquency record.

"So he says to himself: 'Uniforms are cropping up everywhere. Everybody is talking about the men in uniform. I'm not getting any attention. Maybe I can get it quickly by this method. I will design my own uniform.

"He's like the King in the fable who was unhappy. He was told by his advisers to find a contented man and wear his shirt. The King found a contented man and wore his shirt. But, alas, he was still unhappy.

"Thus, the zoot suiter thinks he is wearing a contented shirt, but he's still unhappy. The simple fact is that he is suffering from an overwhelming inferiority complex. This springs from the adolescence of the zoot suiter,

whereas he wants to feel like a man."

Now, then, take the service man. "Uncle Sam has said to the man in uniform: 'You are sound of mind and body. You are a picture of the real American youth.' . . . Consequently, the service man feels a righteous pride in his military garb. He comes to resent any class which gives a distorted impression of the Americanism which he represents. And so his reaction, as in Los Angeles, is perfectly normal."

"MENTAL ABNORMALITY"

Zootery, the fad of such garish ensembles as maroon pants and purple coats and wide, flat-brimmed hats, in radical non-conformity to accepted modes of dress for the male, reflect the "presence of mental abnormality," Dr. Catton said.

Asked why zoot suit riots had not flared in other cities, Dr. Catton dug his tongue reflectively into his cheek a moment and averred:

"Ah, some communities attract more isms, quackery and bizarre expressions of all types."

Oakland Health Officer Resigns

Resignation of Dr. N. N. Ashley, Oakland city health officer since 1934, to become effective July 15 when Dr. Ashley plans to open private practice, was announced yesterday by Oakland City Manager Charles R. Schwanenberg.

Ashley had been assistant-autopsy surgeon when appointed to the health post. Among those being considered as his successor are: Dr. Stanford F. Farnsworth, Alameda county health officer and formerly with the State department of public health; and Dr. I. O. Church, former county health officer, now with the Kellogg Foundation at Coldwater, Mich.

A Haircut After July 1

San Franciscans will pay more overhead after July 1 when the price of haircuts increases from 75 to 85 cents.

The announcement was made by Joseph H. Honey, secretary-treasurer of the Barbers' Union, who explained that something had to be done to persuade local barbers to stay behind their chairs and out of the shipyards.

"We have lost 200 to the shipyards alone," Honey said. Under the new price level, he explained, barbers will get their usual \$35 a week guarantee, but will enjoy increased income from their bonus which is 65 per cent of everything they take in over \$50 a week.

Children's haircuts will go to 75c, from 65c, and shaves to 50c cents, from 40c, and anyone who can think up a musical gag-line to replace the outdated "shave and a haircut, six bits," can have the job.

users—was Officer C. D. Medley, 35, Huntington Park, member of the police force of nearby Vernon.

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He declared he stopped his patrol early today to examine a zooted youth lying in a street. A car is parked about 200 feet away, and in it were several other youths.

"The decoy broke away and across the street," he related. The car came straight at me. I tried to dodge but the car swerved after me, knocking me down."

Medley was taken to a hospital with back and other injuries. Tabulation indicated more than 100 persons had been injured and 100 zoot suiters and service men killed during the five days and nights of violence.

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