

Glacial Female Face Explained As Defense Against Male Wolves

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(P)—Okay, ladies, I give up. Wear any face you want—even that great American female face.

But to say that this blank expression women wear in public is a refuge from "the great American male ego"—well really, girls, that's going too far.

You can call me mean names, and I'll still like you. You can break my bones, and I'll only murmur, "women are so careless." But you'll never get me or any other self-respecting prisoner of the necktie to admit that men are responsible for the great American female face.

I brought up the question of this apparition a week or so ago—the question of why so many men go about with the same set look, noses high as if gaffed by a halibut hook, their features as frozen and similar as a row of ice cream cones.

In asking why this was so, I generously omitted to mention the explanation given me by a crusty old bachelor.

"Most women wear that cold look today because they all have cold hearts."

This seemed to me to be stretching the seams of truth. Nor do I find believable the explanation offered, perhaps in jest, by a young cynic, very fresh out of college:

"They just look that way because their girdles are too tight." Scornful Retorts

But I find equally hard to believe the thesis, advanced to me in a number of stormy letters from the ladies themselves, that the great glazed American female face is caused by men. Men can't be behind every single idiosyncrasy of women. Men just aren't that important in the world.

One angry lady in Denver be-

gan her letter to me, "My Dear Beautiful Face"—(who, me?)—and quickly became even more incoherent.

As near as I can gather, she argued that life would be different if men bore children. Ah, indeed, indeed!

Wrote an unreserved wife from Reserve, La.:

"My suggestion to men who want new faces on their wives is to try putting her makeup on to suit himself. He will find he can't even please himself."

That misses the point. It was admitted from the start that the glacial sameness of the great American female face goes deeper than mere similarity in makeup.

Artists who use the same colors don't usually paint the same pictures.

Defense Against Males

As I say, however, most women clamped the blame on men.

"The deadpan, as you quaintly call it, is a defense against the colossal American male ego," wrote a spirited Irish Colleen from Baldwin, N. Y.

"A woman who doesn't want to be continually annoyed soon learns to assume the deadpan stare."

"Simmer down the colossal American male ego, and you'll cure the American female deadpan."

And chimed in a critic who signed herself "A Dear Old Lady" from Portland, Me.:

"Because of the race of wolves now roaming at large through this country, every attractive woman must don some protective mask. Her only desire is to hold these wolves at bay."

This is a romantic picture, and could be construed as flattering to the American caveman. But I can't believe the great American female face is explained by dainty fear of the eerie wolf call.

For every man who goes "Ow-w-w-ooo-oo, ow-w-w-ooo-ooo" in America today there are ten who say "bow wow, bow wow."

And it doesn't take the great American female face to face that.

Eben, May Mode Fined On Charges of Vagrancy

Eben Mode and May Mode, each found guilty on charges of vagrancy when they appeared in justice court Thursday, were sentenced by Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield to six months in the county jail and assessed fines of \$25 each. The jail sentences were suspended upon provision they both live in a law-abiding manner. May Mode, however, was given a jail term of 30 days on a second charge, that of being intoxicated in a public place.

They were arrested July 17. Both pleaded not guilty when arraigned in justice court and were released on bail.

Andorra, one of the two smallest republics in the world, covers 175 square miles and has a population of 5,000.

Weather as War Weapon Now Plan Of United States

WASHINGTON, July 29—(P)—The United States is exploring the possibility of using the weather as a military weapon.

Secrecy as deep as that surrounding the atom bomb and germ warfare development cloaks these studies of "meteorological warfare."

Officials of the armed forces and national defense organization declined today to discuss the project or disclose what progress researchers have made.

However, a recent paper published in London by the International Committee for study of European questions mentioned military developments of various nations and had this to say of the United States:

"She has got well ahead with her studies of bacteriological warfare. The latter is likely to become the most destructive of all."

What military scientists want is a method of controlling the weather and directing its effect on an enemy nation. Such control would offer various possibilities, not the least of which would be the ability to create droughts and thus destroy the food supply of a nation.

This—if attainable—would be a form of strategic warfare ranking alongside existing methods for destroying a nation's munitions factories by air bombing.

In World War II some infrequent and small-scale attacks were made on growing crops in Germany through the use of incendiary bombs to light fields of ripened grain. On a still smaller scale, there were occasional oil spraying attacks, mainly nuisance raids, on gardens of Japanese occupation forces. But these efforts in no way were on anything resembling a strategic scale.

If scientists can develop the "cloud seeding" experiments already conducted they may be able to turn loose drought or flood at will.

Trapper Brings in His Second Cougar for Bounty

Lester Gardner, Roseburg, brought in for bounty Wednesday his second cougar taken by trap this month from the Quartz Mountain area. He collected his county bounty of \$10, and will wait for his check for \$50 which the state pays. Gardner estimated that a cougar may kill as many as 50 deer a year.

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN — Lt. Col. and Mrs. Loren Hafner from Quantico, Va., spent a few days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Auto B. Crouse last week enroute to Seattle, Wash., where Lt. Col. Hafner will now be stationed. Mrs. Hafner is a daughter of Mr. Crouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Connelley have purchased the H. M. Barnes residence and took possession last week.

Marion Heaton is building a new home on East Central Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw have moved to Tyee, where Mr. Shaw is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Bus L. Conn have rented the Shaw residence and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Jepson and family have moved into the house formerly occupied by the Conn family.

Harold Slater of Redwood City, Calif., spent several days in Sutherland and Roseburg the past week visiting with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Comstock, and with Walter Slater and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and family, and also spent a couple of days with a sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson at Cottage Grove. Mr. Slater formerly had a grocery store in Sutherland for many years and later worked for Pacific Fruit in Roseburg before moving to Redwood City.

O. J. Thiel and family purchased a new home in Cottage Grove, and moved there Saturday.

L. J. Bjerkvig and family have rented the C. F. Smith residence and moved there Saturday, July 24.

John Chase and Roy Daubenspeck spent Sunday fishing, and at the coast, and Mr. Chase returned home with a 29-pound striped bass.

MONEY SUIT FILED

The Coastal Adjustment Bureau, Inc., has filed suit in circuit court against Verne Pouncy and Mrs. Verne Pouncy, asking judgment for \$1257.85, plus interest at six per cent from Feb. 28, 1947, as the balance alleged due on an open account for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant by Addison and Rogers. The complaint states the claim has been sold to the plaintiff.

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By-Passing GMC Wage Formula Increases Cost of Living Again

By JAMES THRASHER

When the U. S. Department of Labor got around to approving the General Motors-UAW contract, it did so with the hope that the agreement "may greatly influence the trend of collective bargaining in the United States."

This statement appeared, rather ironically, on the same day that the United States Steel Corporation and the Weirton Steel Company announced hourly wage rises of 13 and 14 cents respectively. Soon after, U. S. Steel announced a sizable price increase.

The steel agreements were not influenced by the General Motors contract, which tied wage increases and, to a limited extent, decreases to the cost of living. Instead, they added a strong and dangerous pressure to the inflationary spiral at a time when food costs were at a record high. Similar pressure had been applied a few days before by the new contract with the coal miners.

Thus an all too familiar chain

reaction has been set in motion again. Our two most important basic materials of industry have given living costs a supercharged acceleration. Their price increases will be the signal for price rises and wage demands in almost every field that uses these materials, even indirectly.

The miners, the steel workers and other employees of industry will get a few more dollars a week and find that those dollars buy less than they did a few weeks before. For most of the rest of us, the situation simply means another dead loss.

The United Auto Workers have found no support for their agreement with General Motors among other unions, not even those with-

in the CIO. Union officials don't want their wages and benefits tied to the government's cost of living index. They want those increased wages and benefits to be permanent and progressive, independent of the prosperity of the individual industry or the rest of the general economy.

Probably a good many employers and industries likewise do not favor the UAW-General Motors agreement. They would doubtless rather bargain and haggle over wages once a year than see them subject automatically to unlimited increases and limited declines.

Yet the traditional methods used by the steel companies and the steel unions can only make matters worse. Higher wages and prices not only increase costs, they also increase the faleness of our already false prosperity. More pay for workers simply keeps a desperate situation at the same level of desperation.

Higher prices for manufacturers and retailers simply advance the day when, in spite of unrestricted credit buying, many items will fly out of the consumer's range, and the market for

less-than-absolute necessities will close them.

Now Major Issue

A few manufacturers have attempted some tentative price-cutting, but to no avail. The management and workers of our biggest automobile corporation have tried a sensible remedy, but it hasn't caught on. Living costs keep going up. And, in spite of men like Senator Taft, who tell us the price situation is "all right," government action seems increasingly inevitable.

Perhaps none of the top men on either side of the management-labor fence want the government to intervene. But we rather think that millions of voters are going to be listening most attentively to what the presidential and congressional candidates have to say about the high cost of living. And we are sure that the ones who come up with suggested solutions that promise to be effective are going to win themselves a lot of votes.

Living costs may not be the most important campaign issue. But there is certainly no issue that is closer to the "average American's heart."

Special Session Rapped by Morse

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)

—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) said today the special session of congress was called by President Truman "to turn the floors of the House and Senate into campaign platforms."

"Instead of calling a special session of congress," Morse told a reporter, "he should have called a special session of the Democratic Party because even his own party is in irreconcilable conflict with his political campaign."

Morse said he believed sound legislation "cannot be passed in the midst of political maneuvering of the special session."

"I believe a Republican victory in November should be followed by a special session of Congress in order to put into effect as rapidly as possible legislation that will carry out the progressive platform which my party adopted at Philadelphia," Morse said.

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