

As Between Highbrow And Lowbrow, Commentator Prefers The No-Brow

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Are you a highbrow or a lowbrow? This is the biggest question today in the Salons and saloons of Manhattan.

Nobody inquires any more whether you're in society's Blue Book. No one except maybe a visiting congressman asks whether you are or ever have been a member of the Communist Party. And who cares now whether you belong to the National Association of Manufacturers or pay dues to the Glass Workers Union? Echo answers: "Not a soul."

Fie on such matters as politics and where a man lives or how he earns his bread. Is he a lowbrow, a middlebrow or a highbrow? That's the big payoff.

The controversy was started some weeks ago by a light-hearted article in Life Magazine. It classified the "brow level" of people by their tastes in food, furniture, clothing, drinks and literature.

Do you like Stravinsky with your meals or a light white wine? That tabs you, Mac.

Did you buy a new black posture chair for the living room, lady, or did you come home with an overstuffed sofa on your back, you old low-brow, you? Either way, sister, we know what you are. Ya-a-y, ya-a-y, ya-a-y! Highbrow, middlebrow, lowbrow!

Why, it's got the whole town going culture crazy. Here in the middle of a heat wave some men would drop dead of sunstroke rather than change from their tweeds into seersucker. Tweeds, don'tcha know — and you'd better know — are a highbrow.

Bum? No; He's Gentleman

The bartender draws a foamy glass of beer, and whispers, "would you mind taking it in the back room? They say it's a lowbrow drink — and the boss wants

Hill and rolled over several times. They were hospitalized here, but all escaped serious injury.

The injured were Raymond E. Pemberton, 18, Stayton, the driver; Mrs. Joyce M. Moore, Los Angeles; Mrs. Dorothy M. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., and her children: Homer, 8 months; Charles, 2; Ronald, 6; Harold 7; Cecil, 9.

to keep this a classy joint."

The cop on the beat hauls in a drunk, and the sergeant says, "throw him in with the other bums."

"But this man says he drinks nothing but an adequate red wine," protests the cop.

"Oh, the sign of a real highbrow," says the sergeant. "Show the gentleman to a private cell. By the way, sir, I'm a red wine man myself. Which do you find most adequate to the palate?"

Well, boys, this is it. The real class war is on now, the true-blue snobbery based on the altitude of the brow.

If a hostess serves you a cole slaw salad, you know she's either a lowbrow herself or thinks you are. A lettuce and tomato salad is only a few I.Q. points higher. And if the old girl, after dinner, suggests the group play gun rummy or bridge — don't take this second insult. If you care anything about social standing, scream at her:

"Listen, Biddy, you think we're morons? With us it's canasta, the new Argentine game, or we don't pick up the cards."

Decides on Neutrality

Personally, however, I'm going to sit out this latest cultural war. The lowbrows will probably lose, because if they start drinking an adequate red wine the highbrows will immediately decide beer is better. For a highbrow can't stand to be in the majority.

So I'm going to stay neutral. I'm just a "no-brow" myself, not high, not low, not middle. I'll



(NEA Telephoto)

YOUTH SLAYS 'LOVERS' LANE ROBBER—Elwyn (Sonny) Ivers, 19, stares wide-eyed with pain as an emergency hospital attendant examines the jaw and neck bullet wound inflicted during the youth's life-and-death struggle with a "Lovers Lane" robber in Los Angeles. Defending his fiancée, Betty Bowen, 16, Ivers scuffled with the assailant and killed him with a shot in the head. Although she didn't know how to drive, Betty pulled Sonny into his car and drove for help after the battle.

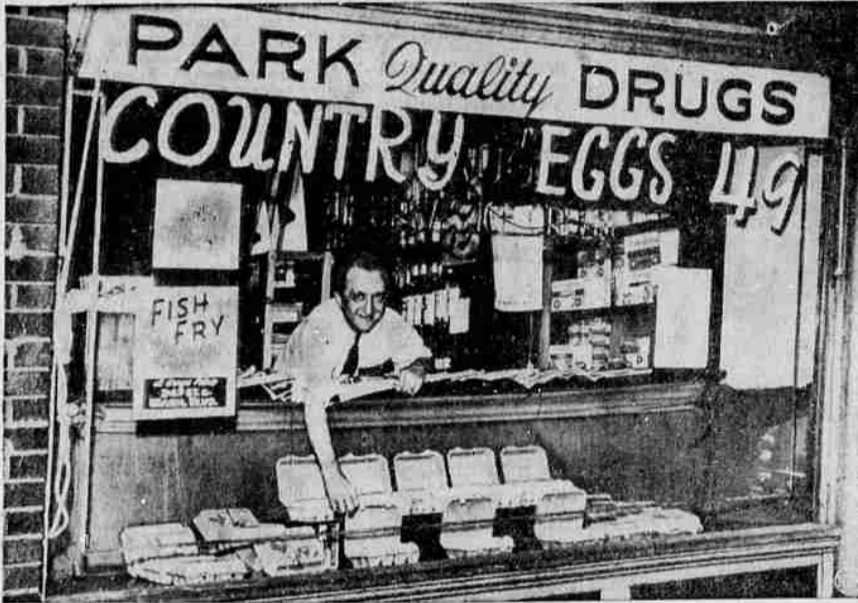
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Mother, Five Children Little Hurt in Car Upset
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LAST LOOK—Ruth Steinagen, flanked by Attorney Michael Brodtkin and a policeman in Chicago's Peony Court, cranes her neck to see her hero, Phillies' First Baseman Eddie Waitkus (in wheelchair, right), whom she shot June 14 "for the thrill of murder." The Peony Court bound her over to the Grand Jury, which indicted her for assault with intent to commit murder. The proceedings, in which Waitkus testified against her, took only 1½ hours. She was adjudged insane at the hearing.



UNKINDEST CUT—When a nearby grocery undersold him on candy, gum and cigarettes, Glen Park, Indianapolis, Ind., drugist retaliated by stocking some grocery items and slashing prices. Park sells eggs at 49 cents a dozen against his rival's price of 65 cents.

Historic Virtue Mine Damaged By \$50,000 Blaze

BAKER, July 7.—(AP)—Possible actual loss from the fire in the Virtue mine east of Baker was estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000 by Anthony Brandenthaler, operator of the mine.

Although the fire is smoldering in the mine shaft for its fourth day, Brandenthaler said that earlier reports about possible damage were exaggerated. Accurate information on the extent of destruction of the mine shaft and equipment will not be available until workmen are able to enter the now smoke-filled tunnel.

The Virtue Mine, located 11 miles east of Baker, has been one of the most prolific producers in this state. In its heyday it is believed that the mine produced a hundred and fifty million dollars worth of ore. Production since the 1890s has been steady but not spectacular. Recently the mine company has employed only six full time workers but was intending to increase this force for a new operation to get under way soon.

The Virtue Mine has been under lease to Brandenthaler, vice president of the Powder River Lumber Company. Negotiations have been under way recently for selling the mine to a group of Portland investors including Logan and Berrett, architects. About \$100,000 worth of new equipment has been installed recently.

The mine, credited with "at one time saving the First National Bank from going broke," covers 400 acres, all patented. Discovery of the mine came in the early 1860s as goldseekers looked for the legendary Blue Bucket diggings reported by travelers in this area twenty years earlier. It was named after its founder, James W. Virtue, Baker County pioneer.

Sen. Vandenberg Urges Approval Of Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg of Michigan today asked the Senate to ratify the North Atlantic Pact as a shield for "free men against 'embattled, greedy communism.'"

He opened the second day of debate on the 12-nation alliance with the double-barreled statement that (1) communism is the sole threat to world peace and (2) its final target is the United States.

The treaty will be a warning to would-be conquerors, Vandenberg said, that 300,000,000 people will resist aggression.

As Republican leader in foreign affairs, he added the weight of his prestige to that of Senator Connally (D-Tex.) who led off in the debate yesterday.

As Vandenberg spoke, Senate leaders saw a good chance to win final approval of the treaty in less than a week of debate. They were encouraged by a general lack of opposition to the pact and its stated purpose of heading off any attack on the western, non-Communist world. A two-thirds vote of approval by the Senate is needed to bind the U. S. to the treaty.

Vandenberg called the treaty "the best available implement to discourage armed aggression and thus to stop another war before it starts."

Vandenberg agreed with Connally that a vote for the treaty will not commit any Senator to vote for the proposed \$1,130,000,000 program to re-arm the pact nations.

The treaty would bind the United States, Canada and 10 western European nations into a 20-year alliance pledged to resist aggression on an "all for one, and one for all" standard.

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I'll loll on a horsehair sofa or perch on a posture chair till my back breaks. I'll even sit on a small tack — if that'll help preserve a cultural truce. But neither for class nor mass will I eat grits with sorghum or read T. S. Eliot by candlelight. I won't be brow-beaten.

And I'll go to my grave secretly convinced that falling hair has made more highbrows in America than Harvard University.

Weather Causes Haying Troubles

Reedsport farmers are having varied experiences in trying to outguess the weather man and getting their hay in the barns without damaging it.

Those who turned the water off their meadows earlier than usual and thus matured their hay early managed to get their first cutting cured and under cover before the recent rains. In such cases, the rain usually proved exceptionally welcome, as it not only gave a good start to a second hay crop but also proved of great benefit to the pasture. However, some were not so fortunate, and in some cases the hay crop was caught out by a second rain and severely damaged.

Many local dairymen who depend largely on ensilage to feed their dairy herds during the late summer and fall have started using grass for ensilage instead of corn.

This is a recent innovation started for two reasons. One is that it is not always possible to produce a good corn crop so close to the coast where cool nights are the rule rather than the exception. It also allows farmers to use grass that is raised for hay but proves impossible to cure because of adverse weather conditions. When used for ensilage, the grass is allowed to cure very little after being mowed before being cut up and put in the silo.

Regardless of how far along they were with their haying operations, all local farmers contacted agreed that the hail storm last week was absolutely unnecessary. A heavy rain was reported from Ash Valley that night instead of hail, and only a little hail fell in Reedsport, but part of the Smith River neighborhood got a real winter fall of hail.

African slaves were first introduced in America in 1619, the first shipment going to Jamestown.

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