

Psychological Test Given Officers Involves Illusion

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A test of how quickly a person can get rid of a common illusion was described to the nation's psychologists here as of potential value in picking officers for the armed services and leaders in the otherwise competitive world.

The illusion is one that fools nearly everybody. Given two objects of the same shape and weight but of different size, a person almost invariably will judge the smaller one to be the heavier.

Two University of California psychologists, Dr. Ruth E. Albrecht and Dr. Richard S. Gruchfield, used this as the basis of a test on 90 Air Force captains to evaluate their personalities. They told of the results at a meeting of the American Psychological Assn.

They used two small rectangular wood blocks, one of which was twice as large in each dimension as the other. Each was hollowed out and filled with enough lead to make it weigh 300 grams, about 10.5 ounces.

One by one the officers were told the weight of the larger block and asked to estimate the weight of the smaller one by hefting both. Each subject was allowed a dozen tries. Their guesses ranged all the way from 300 to 2260 grams.

Then the blocks were covered with paper forms to make them the same size and each candidate was given another six trials. Finally the paper covers were removed and each was allowed another half-dozen guesses.

How fast the figures in the guesses came down was taken as a measure of mental flexibility. Observers used four different ways

of calculating this, to get at various elements in the personality makeups.

In general, the experimenters said, the officers who made the best scores rated highly in their personality evaluation tests. But this one, they added, throws new light on how a person may be classified as to rigidity or flexibility in his thinking.

Morse, Neuberger Protest Proposed Copco Contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sens. Morse and Neuberger, Oregon Democrats, have criticized the Department of the Interior for a contract which they say the department proposes to enter into with the California Oregon Power Co. governing water use in the Upper Klamath Basin.

In a letter to Sen. Murray (D-Mont.), chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the senators asked that hearings be scheduled on the contract which they said was "sprung" by the department "upon interested parties as an accomplished fact without adequate time for their consideration and public discussion."

"The contract was delivered to some interested parties in the second week of August and a deadline of Sept. 1 placed upon their comments. Less than a month has been given the people of the area and officials to study a proposal to hand over invaluable water resources to COPCO for 50 years," they said.

"A contract granting the use of precious water resources to the private utility for 50 years should be open for public discussion more than a few weeks," they added.

Wheel Of Auto Lodges In Track; Car Smashed

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A miscalculation of time schedules almost cost a Klamath Falls couple their lives Friday night.

When a wheel of his car became wedged in the Southern Pacific railroad tracks at a crossing at Cove Point, five miles north of here, P. D. Mead, Klamath Falls pharmacist, and his wife decided to use a jack to free the car.

He and Mrs. Mead had just succeeded in raising the front wheels when the SP's Cascade came roaring out of the darkness. The Meads fled. The diesel locomotive smashed into the car, carrying it 400 yards.

The car was virtually welded to the locomotive, and it took an emergency crew most of an hour to pry it loose. The Cascade picked up a new locomotive when it arrived here.

Harvey Teal, trainmaster, said Mead told him he thought the train had passed the crossing before his car got wedged in the track.

French And Algerians Wage Four-Hour Battle

CONSTANTINE, Algeria (AP) — French troops and Algerian rebels Friday waged a four-hour running battle in the mountainous section south-east of here near the village of Renier.

Acting on reports from agents and scouts, French troops intercepted a band of about 60 rebels. One French soldier was wounded. The French captured some arms and retook a French corporal who had been captured by the rebels four months earlier. Rebel losses are not known.

This action occurred as a French governmental committee met in Paris with Premier Faure to discuss the dispatch of additional reinforcements to Eastern Algeria.

SEARCH CALLED OFF — The search for a fishing vessel reported drifting at sea with no sign of life aboard has been called off, the Coast Guard said Saturday.

An Air Force plane from Hamilton Field, Calif., sighted the vessel Monday about 500 miles west of the mouth of the Columbia River. Four days of searching proved unsuccessful.

Senate Protest Brings Review Of Security Risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate protest has brought a promised review by Secretary of the Army Brucker of the discharge of an Army Lieutenant as a security risk.

A Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights took up the case of 1st Lt. Walter K. Novak of Clo, Mich., after Sen. McNamara (D-Mich.) termed the officer's discharge "a shocking miscarriage of justice."

Novak had been on duty at Redstone arsenal, Ala. the army has said he was released Aug. 1 but gave no reason.

Novak's case is similar to several others recently brought under congressional scrutiny in a study of the administration's security program in that charges of leftist associations were primarily against his parents and sister.

However, Novak also was charged with having failed to disclose membership in the International Workers Order on his loyalty form. The IWO, now defunct, is on the attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

Novak, in a letter to McNamara last Aug. 9 outlining his case, said he had no knowledge of his membership in the IWO prior to receiving a notice of charges from the Army last Jan. 10.

His mother testified she enrolled Novak without his knowledge in order to obtain cheap term insurance offered by the IWO.

Lon Hocker, chief hearings counsel of the Senate subcommittee, wrote to Secretary of Defense Wilson on Aug. 25 urging that steps be taken "to correct this grave injustice to a loyal and patriotic officer."

Portland Woman Dies In Apartment Blaze

PORTLAND (AP) — A woman lost her life last weekend when a fire broke out in her second story apartment. Her husband was seriously injured.

Dead is Mrs. Marian June Scott, 40. Her husband, Charles, 70, was taken to a Portland hospital suffering second degree burns on the face and shoulders.

Det. Norman Leitheiser said the two-alarm fire started in a sofa in the Scott apartment.

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Local Community News Briefs

Visits — B. L. Nelson spent the weekend with his daughter in Yreka.

Visit In Eureka — Mr. and Mrs. James K. McKern and daughter, Jody, left Friday for Eureka to visit relatives.

Home From Coast — Mr. and Mrs. George C. Kairby and daughters have returned from the coast where they spent several days.

To Fair — Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moore and son, Ben, attended the state fair at Salem during the weekend.

On Vacation — Mrs. Charles Fingerlo is on a two-week vacation from her position at the News-Review.

New Employment — Mrs. Ruth Laurance has accepted new employment at the South Stephens Market.

At Fair — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DeCamp and son, Gary, spent the weekend attending the state fair at Salem.

Enjoy Holiday — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blundell and friends, Corin, enjoyed the holiday with friends on the Rogue River.

Enjoy Trip — Mr. and Mrs. William Gullrie and Diane and David, and Mrs. Carl Holmes spent Monday at Crater Lake.

To Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Bill McFarland and two children spent the weekend with relatives in Portland.

Go Camping — Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sherwood and family enjoyed a camping trip on the North Umpqua over the holiday weekend.

Return Home — Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Moore and two children have returned to their home on Brown Avenue after a camping trip to Clewax Lake.

To Beaverton — Mardel, David and Richard Grover and Miss Maurine Stevens were in Beaverton on business during the weekend.

From McMinnville — Miss Lavern Burbach, who is employed in the bank at McMinnville, spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Burbach.

Take Trip — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carey and family and Marjorie Blondell enjoyed a trip to Crater and Diamond lakes and Peterson's Rock Gardens over the holiday weekend.

Go Fishing — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crook, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Farveth and Mr. and Mrs. William Box enjoyed fishing over the weekend at the coast in the Siuslaw River.

Convalescing — Barton Helliwell, who recently underwent medical treatment in a local hospital, is convalescing in Roseburg at the home of his son, Robert Helliwell and family.

New Resident — Miss Maurine Stevens recently moved here from Beaverton and is employed in the office of Ken Bailey Inc., replacing Mrs. Bill Baldwin, who has moved to California.

From Hillsboro — Miss Lena Delplancie visited several days last week at the Duyck home in was on vacation from her work in the county treasurer's office at Hillsboro.

Harriman Says Vote Fraud Evidence Found

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Averell Harriman was reported Saturday to have uncovered evidence of vote frauds in the 1954 state election and to have ordered an investigation of voting operations in 57 upstate counties.

Harriman, at his Sands Point summer place, declined comment. The New York Daily Mirror, in a dispatch from Syracuse, said Harriman's personal aides conducted a five-month undercover inquiry and found "wholesale vote frauds in upstate and Long Island areas."

Harriman reportedly ordered his personal staff to launch the inquiry after he squeaked into office by fewer than 12,000 votes.

Go Hunting — Mr. and Mrs. James Pinard spent the holiday weekend with relatives in Bremerton.

To Grants Pass — Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McLain and family spent the holiday weekend in Grants Pass with the former's parents.

Attend Show — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kalivoda and daughter, Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hanks were in Eugene Monday to attend the dog show. The latter entered her poodles dog in the show.

Back To Office — Dr. M. C. Mix has returned to his office after a two week's vacation. He enjoyed a fishing trip to Astoria.

To Coast — Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Buss and children spent the weekend at coastal points. At Langlois they visited her parents.

Enjoy Trip — David Damon and Joe Sand, both of Melrose enjoyed a trip to California over the holiday weekend. They visited in Richmond and attended the California State Fair in Sacramento.

Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks of Tacoma visited here with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hanks. They left Sunday.

Returns To Job — Mrs. R. E. Patterson is back at her job as Charles of the Ritz consultant at Miller's following a ten day vacation. She and Mr. Patterson visited his parents in Bremerton, and her parents at Port Angeles. They enjoyed salmon fishing in the straits of Juan DeFuca, camping out at Sekui, Wash.

Buy Home — Mr. and Mrs. James Bovingdon have moved into the home they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kalivoda. The latter family have moved temporarily to a residence on Myrtle Avenue from Brown Avenue.

Back To Work — Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Pearson and children, Bert and Anita, are back at their home here from a month's vacation trip which took them to Detroit, Mich., and British Columbia. The former is back at his office in the Medical Arts Building.

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