

Thousands Strike By Air, Sea
In
The
Day's
News
By
Frank Jenkins

Japanese vignettes:
Washing machines and TV have swept Japan like a prairie fire. As yet, refrigerators and household freezers haven't caught on to any considerable extent.
Why not?
The explanation offered in reply to questions is that by long habit the Japanese people prefer to shop every day in small quantities.

The area of Tokyo, now the world's largest city, is approximately 300 square miles. The streets aren't laid out in the checkerboard pattern that is common throughout the United States, and in much of the rest of the world. They just ramble in whatever direction will take them to where they need to go. And over much of Tokyo's area there are no street numbers.

How do you find people?
The answer offered in reply to that question is that you keep ringing doorbells and asking where so-and-so lives until you find somebody who can tell you how to get to his house.

The University of Tokyo now has about 20,000 students, and the list of applicants for admission is long. In Japan, you don't just take a notion to go to college and then go — to the University of Tokyo, or elsewhere.

You have to pass a long and rigid series of examinations to prove that you have a good enough mind and seriousness of purpose sufficient to make it worth while to permit you to go to college.

In the University of Tokyo area there are 3,000 bookstores. The Japanese people in these modern days are avid readers.

The Ginza is Tokyo's big shopping street.

How come the name?
GIN is the word for silver. ZA means a place where money is exchanged.

The Ginza is Tokyo's Fifth Avenue . . . or Saville Row . . . or Rue de Rivoli . . . or Rue Sainte Honore . . . or Via Veneto.

It is a tremendous shopping place, with some of the biggest stores in the world.

Japanese highways are utterly inadequate to Japan's highway needs — which are growing by the hour. They are narrow and crooked. And CROWDED beyond belief. We think we have traffic jams in America. We just don't know anything about traffic jams. We need to come to Japan to find out what traffic congestion can really be like.

Broadly and generally speaking — there may be exceptions to this rule, but if so they do not meet the tourist eye — they have only two lanes. Traffic runs bumper to bumper. Speed limits are low — of necessity. There isn't room for even moderately high speeds.
Keep to the left, incidentally, is the rule of the road.

One reason why Japanese highways are so poor — by American or even European standards — is that ground on which to build them is so precious that it can't be spared for great multi-lane freeways such as we are building — or even for moderately wide and reasonably straight two-lane roads.

High speed modern roads need to be built on flat land — or at least reasonably flat land. In Japan flat land is scarce, since 75 per cent of the country's area is mountainous, and what there is of it is needed to grow crops on and to build houses on.

Houses in Japan are so closely spaced that in order to build the kind of highways we have in America TOO MANY HOUSES WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT OUT OF COMMISSION. That would create social problems here in this jam-packed land.

In America, when we want to build a new freeway — with maybe a dozen lanes — we just turn in and buy the land, condemning it, if need be. So the dispossessed owner takes his money and goes somewhere else and buys land on which to build a new house. But in Japan the land suitable for houses is so scarce and so precious that difficulty would be encountered in finding another suitable place on which to build.

So —
The government of Japan, which has growing respect for popular opinion, hesitates to take the land needed for the big wide, straight modern highways.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

By Charles V. Stanton

April 17 is the last day upon which you can register to vote at the coming primary election.

People who should register include those who have become 21 years of age since the last election; persons who have moved from one voting precinct to another; persons who haven't voted for a period of more than two years; persons who have moved into the area and have not previously registered. Women who have married since last registered should have their names changed on registration cards.

It is the duty of the county clerk to "purge" the registration record of the names of persons who have not voted for a period of more than two years. Names of voters are signed in poll books at each election. Thus it becomes a simple, though laborious, task to keep the registration list up-to-date.

Any person who has been negligent in voting, but who expects to vote at the coming primary election, should make an immediate check to determine whether he is qualified by registration.

Each election brings up several voters who thought they were registered but who learned that their registration had expired and that their names did not appear in poll books.

But I do not urge registration simply for the sake of being prepared and qualified to vote. Nor do I urge people to turn out and vote, unless they are intelligent voters. By "intelligent" I do not mean harmonious or unanimous.

Should Be Informed

A great deal of emphasis is placed upon the matter of registration and upon "getting out the vote."

Getting out the vote is a fine thing, in my opinion, if the vote is an informed and intelligent vote. But to get a large number of voters to the polls when those voters have absolutely no knowledge concerning candidates or issues is, I believe, an error.

It is better not to vote at all than to vote upon something about which the voter is completely ignorant.

It is my opinion that we have altogether too much "stoooge" voting.

A person with little concern in governmental affairs, or who is too busy or lazy to seek information, is pressured into registering to vote, then going to the polls. He votes the way he is told to vote, thereby becoming a stooze to some group, often more interested in its own selfish privilege than in the welfare of the government or efficiency in administration.

Then, too, many voters fail to study or analyze. They are actually naive in exercising this most precious privilege that we, as American citizens, have.

Another facet of our elections in recent years is the manner in which great numbers of voters are swayed by emotion. We find that present methods give candidates, particularly self-starters, a good opportunity to appeal to the emotions of the gullible voter. This type of voter often fails to weigh the records of candidates, if they have had previous service, or overlook the matter of efficiency. In some cases we find motivation through pure selfishness. The decision is made on a basis of "what's good for me," not "what's good for the country."

Time For "Sweet Talk"

This appeal to the emotions affords candidates an opportunity for a lot of "sweet talk." Of course, "sweet talk" is nothing new. Our politicians for many years have been promising the voters, "the moon with a fence around it," as the saying goes. And some voters apparently are taken in by such promises.

We find today's candidates doing and saying almost anything to gain publicity, as they seek to place themselves in a favorable light before the voters.

And, it won't matter too much whether the candidates have ever succeeded in accomplishing anything, whether they have past records for harmony and cooperation. Some voters will be beguiled by honeyed tones and slick talk. They won't try to analyze or utilize their votes for the country's welfare.

All too few of our voters, it seems to me, realize that they are the actual rulers of this country. Every American voter has the power of a king, because by his decisions he can help determine the policies of this country.

Consequently the efficiency of government depends upon responsible and informed action. We can't have efficiency when voters are not informed, when they permit themselves to serve as stooges, when they vote selfishly rather than responsibly.

If the voter isn't willing to use his privilege intelligently, then I, for one, urge him not to register.

Son And Family Of Los Angeles Are Now Visiting Couple In Drain

By JO CARLILE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown and sons of Los Angeles are visiting Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritchey in Drain, Brown recently completed training at the National Technical School at Los Angeles.

Turners Make Trip

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Turner went to Burns Thursday to visit the Turners' daughter, Mrs. G. E. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jackson and son spent several days recently visiting at Weiser, Idaho.

Lythall Hedrick is in the Cottage Grove Hospital with pneumonia. She is reported improving.

John Johnston entered junior college at North Bend for the spring term.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deets of Portland were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whipple.

Visitor Leaves

C. A. Krantz left this week for Minneapolis, Minn., after a visit with his son-in-law and daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Martin and family.

Tom and Mary Cox and Velma Haldean bowled in the All Coast Tournament at Vancouver Sunday.

Harry Chamberlin and Blanche Merrill visited friends and relatives at Portland and Albany for several days last week.

Terry Watson entered Oregon State University at the spring term. Horace Cunningham entered the Veterans Hospital in Portland Wednesday. Mrs. Cunningham took him to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hurd transacted business in Bend Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliott of Canyonville were guests recently at the home of Elliott's sister, Mrs. Elmer Lovett.

Mrs. Frank Martin visited her cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis in Portland over the weekend.

Donald McIntyre, who is with the engineer corps at Fort Lewis, Wash., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick McIntyre.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haney Monday and Tuesday were Mrs. Honey's sister, Ella Langellers of Woodburn, and her daughter, Angus VanderVorst of Santiam Junction.

Don Bowers went to the hospital Tuesday for medical care. David Lakey of Seattle visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lakey last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edmonds of Kalama, Wash., were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Nenechick last week.

Mrs. B. G. Brown of Sweet Home is visiting her sister, Lena Gardner. Mrs. Gardner met her sister in Eugene Thursday.

James Marlow

Steel Industry's Timing Was Poor On Price Raise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Steel's bigwigs did a clumsy public relations job the way they announced boosts in steel prices.

It was their timing: Of all the days in the week they picked the worst ones for the announcements.

This might make no difference if American business didn't spend a lot of money trying—as the advertising boys say—to improve their image.

In this case they must have sent their public relations men home.

At his news conference Wednesday President Kennedy didn't credit them with concern for public relations at all. He said they showed "utter contempt for the interests of 185 million Americans."

What they did was choose the night before and the morning of Kennedy's conference to say steel prices were going up, a move bound to kick up living costs by setting off price boosts in other fields.

Kennedy never holds a news conference often than once a week. After Wednesday's, the next one at the earliest would have been next Wednesday.

Many of his conferences have been televised live. This means millions can watch him in action and other millions, on television reruns, can see him in their homes later.

Thus these televised meetings with the press give him a chance to get across to the maximum number of people, newspaper readers, television watchers, and millions of both.

By making their announcements Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, the steelmen gave Kennedy at his meeting with newsmen an almost immediate chance to denounce the price boost.

This is what he did in the an-

griest mood he has shown in public since becoming President. In the course of it he heaped scorn and ridicule on the steelmen as a bunch of greedy merchants.

The steelmen could never have had any doubt this is what Kennedy would do. He had worked hard to get a noninflationary contact settlement between the steel industry and the steel union.

The contract, coming only five days before the sudden and unexpected price boost, gave the steelworkers some benefits but no pay raise. Kennedy said it left him hopeful there would be no price increase.

If the steelmen had waited until after the news conference, Kennedy would have had three choices in deciding how to respond to what they did:

He could have waited until next week's conference before cutting loose as he did Wednesday; he could have issued statements, which would not be the same as being seen by millions on television; or, he could have gone before television cameras and made a special statement.

But in none of those alternatives would the impact have been the same as the immediate response Kennedy was able to give Wednesday and then, because it was a news conference, answer questions and elaborate on his denunciation in different ways.

The fact that the steelmen announced the price increase only five days after the union agreed to a no-wage-boost contract was perhaps even more clumsy.

It raises questions that will probably be probed for months by congressional committees, questions like this: Had the steelmen planned this price boost all along, even when signing a contract that gave the workers added benefits but no wage increase?

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Play It Dumb, Sweetie!

DEAR ABBY: I am a college sophomore and have recently started dating (steady) a college senior. He is a little on the shy side, and when he kissed me for the first time I thought he was kidding. Abby, he doesn't know the first thing about how to kiss a girl. Do you think I should try to teach him, or should I just wait and let him learn by himself?

EXPERIENCED
DEAR EXPERIENCED: Let him learn by himself, unless you are willing to tell him where you became an expert.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to hire an "unattached" father to watch TV with, and to be a father to my three active children under 15. We have everything money can buy. My husband is his own boss and doesn't work more than two hours a day. He leaves the house at 9 A.M. and never gets home before midnight. He says he loves us, but the makeup on his shirts is not mine.

I've tried everything to bring us closer together. I've seen our minister, a marriage counselor, and even a psychiatrist. They have helped me to bear it, but the situation hasn't improved. My husband just keeps telling me how "wonderful" I am to put up with him. I suppose I should be ashamed to complain because there are worse problems than mine, but I'm feeling blue tonight.

LAST HOPE
DEAR LAST HOPE: Maybe you're too "wonderful." Just

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Scripture: John 10:1-42

In another ten days we will observe the annual festival of Easter.

What will your observance be? Is this the festival of the Easter bunny for you or is the festival of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ?

For all of Christendom, the Easter message is the crown of God's self-revelation. Through this annual celebration in the Christian churches of the world, the firm declaration is made that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that through the power of His resurrection, all men might find life everlasting if they will turn in faith and receive it.

Take your Bible and read once again the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. See again the words of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who promises eternal life to the sheep who hear His voice and follow Him. He indicated both His power and His willingness to lay down His life for the sheep — together with the power to take it up again.

Verses 24 to 28 are particularly pointed in saying that there are many who do not hear His voice or believe His words for they have not yet become a part of His flock. On the other hand, those who are His sheep hear and follow and shall never perish according to the Shepherd's promise.

Jesus went on to validate that promise of eternal life by suffering death at the hands of man and then by rising up from that death on the third day to overcome its power.

During the period of Lent we commemorate the suffering and death of Christ, but then on Easter we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving His great and final victory.

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