

Countdown For Orbital Shot Starts As Weather Improves

In The Day's News By Frank Jenkins

Reading the headlines these days, one could easily jump to the conclusion that the world is going to hell in a hand-basket and there doesn't seem to be much that any of us can do about it.

Do you reckon that could be true? I doubt it. If we get that impression, it is probably because we are reading the wrong kind of news. Bad news, as every well-balanced editor knows, gets the biggest headlines—and we tend to read the big headlines first.

If you look for it in the right places—which are often on the inside pages—there is really a LOT of good news in these modern days.

For example: Dr. David J. Sayles, a San Diego radiologist, tells the annual meeting of the California Medical Association of a new X-ray diagnosis for breast cancer. It can detect many tiny tumors, he told his hearers—tumors often no bigger than a BB shot—tumors that would escape detection by any method hitherto known.

This can mean, he explained, earlier detection, earlier surgery and a lowered death rate. Breast cancer, he added, is the worst killer among tumors in women today.

And—At the same convention—An assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of California at Los Angeles describes how intricate operations on the swollen, deformed hands of rheumatoid arthritis victims have given them new strength and dignity.

The surgical program he described "offers no miracles," he said, but does confer vast benefits on those who are willing to work intensively to conquer their own crippling disabilities. He told of one patient whose hands, ONCE COMPLETELY STIFF AND USELESS, can now be used to feed himself.

A similarly deformed young woman can now play the piano. Another victim of rheumatoid arthritis, formerly crippled in all his limbs, can now maneuver an electric wheel chair. A young insurance salesman can now shake hands with his clients—for him a major achievement.

These operations, he explained, are relatively simple for skilled surgeons, who straighten tendons, remove the swollen tissue that lines the joints of knuckles, and even build NEW joints. Dr. Mar-mour (the assistant professor at UCLA who described these methods to the assembled practicing physicians) says he has operated on patients as young as 20 and as old as 68.

He concluded: "We can give these patients a tremendous psychic lift. They can say to us: 'Look what I can do now! Surgery like this can change the lives of patients who really want to get well.'"

Reading the grim headlines that tell of a world seemingly bent on its own destruction, we get a distorted view of what is going on. We come to think of it, perhaps, as a world that is paying the way to its own destruction.

It might pay us to turn over oftener to the inside pages and pay a little more attention to the brighter and more hopeful news that is so often to be found there.

It ISN'T such a bad world, after all.

Public To See New Sutherland School

The public will get its first look at the new Sutherland Junior High School as the school's PTA schedules an open house Monday night, reports Mrs. Jerry DeMuth, correspondent.

Teachers, school board members, PTA leaders and other school officials will be on hand for the event designed to give an opportunity to all interested citizens to look at the school as it is now and to hear of the future projects in connection with it.

The open house will be from 7 to 8 p.m., and will be followed by a coffee hour and get-acquainted period in the library between 8 and 9 p.m.

Mrs. Alma Stubbart, PTA president, is general chairman for the event while Mrs. Leo Johnson is serving as hospitality chairman.

Official programs will be given to those attending. Formal dedication will come next fall and will be under the auspices of the school board.

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WHY "GOOD" FRIDAY?

By Charles V. Stanton

Today is the Friday before Easter. Among Christians it is known as "Good Friday." Why it should be called "good," when, according to the Christian belief, it was one of the blackest days in all history, has never seemed to me to make sense. Perhaps someone can explain to me the use of that word "good" in connection with this religious event.

Christianity reaches its highest peak with Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is celebrated as the day when, the scriptures tell us, Christ overcame death and emerged from the tomb into which His body had been sealed. Through that resurrection believers in Christ find their faith in an eternal life.

Good Friday is observed as the day of Christ's crucifixion. It is the day upon which, according to the bible record, He was dragged before a Jewish court, sentenced to death, then taken before a Roman judge for confirmation of the death sentence, because the Jews, as a captive people, could impose capital punishment only through the consent of the Roman governor.

The name of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, has come down through the ages as a synonym for infamy. Because he lacked courage of his convictions, and because he consented to the death of a person of whose innocence he was positive, history has branded him as one of its most cowardly figures.

Political Expediency

Coupled with, and a part of, his cowardice was his act of political expediency. What to him was the life of one Jew compared with the possibility of breaking the existing rapport with the chief priest and the Sanhedrin, the supreme council and ruling tribunal of the Jewish people? Word of any political difficulties would get back to Caesar, with whom he wasn't on the best terms anyway, so why should he endanger his own position by contributing to trouble between himself and those upon whose cooperation he depended?

Do you see anything of that kind today? Do any of our leaders wash their hands of what they know to be an injustice to avoid getting themselves politically involved? Do we find persons in important positions who, to curry favor from those who can keep them in power and authority, grant favors and privileges, even, perhaps, to closing one's eyes to suffering, hardship and death?

But let's not look entirely to high places. Do we have common people who shirk their duty as good citizens, their responsibility to good government, who wash their hands and consent to the death of moral standards of authority for the sake of special privilege? Do we find common people too cowardly to stand up for what they know to be right, who make themselves pawns of the mob screaming for the destruction of what is good, honest, ethical?

The Voice Of The Masses

The first day of the week happy people had welcomed Christ into Jerusalem. They had spread palm leaves in His path, had greeted Him as a hero.

But, in the very early morning hours of Friday a great mass of people, possibly including some who only a few days before had shouted their hosannas, stood in Pilate's courtyard and screamed for Christ's blood.

Are we today like Pilate? We have as our national motto "In God We Trust." While we follow a practice of separation of church and state, we still officially confess a belief in God as a tenet of our government.

An atheistic ideology denies the existence of a God. It departs from our christian beliefs.

Today we are hearing a thunder of voices demanding that we eliminate from our schools the reading of the bible, the offering of prayers, the singing of hymns. Our state government received demands that it remove a religious scene from the capital square. How much of this outcry is raised and fomented by the godless ideology that is trying to destroy our own representative democracy?

And how many of us, like Pilate, are yielding to demands, too cowardly to speak up for the beliefs upon which our nation was founded?

While we ponder why the word "good" should be used in connection with this particular Friday, we might also think about some of the lessons to be learned from the event the day celebrates.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Make It A "Double"!

DEAR ABBY: We have a dear friend, a woman around 50, whose husband passed away five years ago. She has made a good adjustment as far as her loss was concerned, but she still wants to be part of the gang of couples she and her husband were friendly with when he was alive. We included her with the gang the first two or three years so she wouldn't be "alone," but how long is this supposed to go on? Our husbands think it is time she realized she is a single woman and stopped being a fifth wheel. We like her and don't want to hurt her feelings, but how do we handle this awkward situation?

THE LUCKY ONES
DEAR ABBY: Your friend realizes only too well that she is a single woman, a fifth wheel, etc. But she accepts your invitations because she thinks you really want her company. No widow wants to be "included" out of pity. In fact, most of them politely decline, not wanting to intrude, but are begged to go along. A woman alone cannot easily hunt herself up an escort without being forward, if you are REAL friends, get her an escort to balance the party.

DEAR ABBY: My eleven-year-

old daughter has been asking me questions about the facts of life I have been avoiding answering her. Recently I overheard her asking a neighbor lady some of these same questions. I would like my daughter to know these things, but I don't know how much (or even how) to tell her. Can you help me, or should I wait until she is older?

UNDECIDED
DEAR UNDECIDED: DON'T WAIT. If you don't know how (or how much) to tell her, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope and I will recommend some excellent books (available at your public library) on this subject.

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper to have a bridal shower and a big wedding with a reception where people dance and whoop it up for days just after there has been a death in the family, even though the deceased was only an infant? My daughter lost her child. That same week her in-laws went right on with their plans and had the above-mentioned celebrations. Perhaps I am an old-fashioned, 40-year-old grandmother, but I think the celebrations should have been postponed at least a month. Am I wrong?

OLD-FASHIONED
DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: If you are wrong, we both are. I agree with you.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SHIRLEY: Your parents have an advantage. They have been YOUR age, but you have not as yet been THEIRS. You would do well to listen to them.

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Hot Boyle

Kim Says Her Single Bliss Has Only One Big Problem

NEW YORK (AP) — Hollywood's most eligible bachelor girl says her state of single bliss has only one big problem.

"It's the people who keep asking me why I haven't married," said Kim Novak, the world's most lovely lavender blonde.

"They accept singleness in a man but in the case of a woman look for some strange reason."

"In my case it's quite simple. I haven't married—by choice. I've met a lot of men in my life, and I expect to meet a lot more, but I haven't met an overwhelming one."

She isn't presently in the mood to be overwhelmed by anything or anybody. In the wake of a most meteoric rise to fame, she is still engaged in that struggle that comes to all who are new to renown—the struggle to retain one's own identity as a human being.

Just a few years ago she was an obscure model. Today she's a top star, has her own film company, two homes, and presumably enough in the bank to tide her over a long lifetime of rainy days.

Such being the situation, she is in a good position to fight against being destroyed by the whipsaw strains of success. She doesn't seem to be possessed or dominated by others.

That is why she vigorously resents pressures on her to marry. "Above all I prize being an individual," she remarked. "People are always trying to change you."

"I don't feel we have the right to destroy our lives by wrong compromises, by settling for less than we believe in. But you can hold on to yourself — if you just do."

While stardom has cost her much in terms of lost privacy, she said frankly that the money that goes with it has given her more freedom to stay herself.

"But it does get on my nerves—this constant questioning about why I don't marry," she said.

"Being single has certain advantages. Everything is simpler and less complicated."

"I've always been a loner. I adore privacy and being alone. The things I like most in life—painting and writing — are the kind of things you don't do with someone looking over your shoulder."

"I'm far happier than I if I were married to the wrong person — or even a half-way wrong person. I don't want to get married just because it's the thing to do."

She believes happiness in marriage is relatively rare because marital partners too often try to change each other.

"Stupid marriages — and the frustrations resulting from them — have much to do with juvenile crime, war — all the restlessness in the world."

So she intends to remain single until that overwhelming man — with all his imperfections — comes along to bring her happiness.

James Marlow

If Past Is Any Criterion JFK May Soon Be Jumping

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twice in a row Easter for President Kennedy has been a time of calm and quiet, when even bunnies looked safe and there were no broken eggs.

But now as he rocks in the Florida sun he probably keeps his fingers crossed. Right after Easter in 1961 the lid blew off and kept popping almost until Easter this year.

He was in office less than 75 days then. He's been there 455 days now. All the days in between kept him jumping. If the past is any criterion for the future, he'll be jumping soon again.

Nothing sensational had happened in those 75 days. Kennedy had been wrestling with Congress. There was still murder in the Congo. Communists were still advancing in Laos. Premier Khrushchev was sounding off.

Then, only 10 days after last Easter the Russians sent their first man into a space orbit of the earth, unpleasant news for U.S. prestige. Within 15 days Kennedy banged into disaster — the Cuban invasion.

The U.S. recovered some of its prestige in a hurry by sending its first man into space but only on a short hop last May 5, not an earth orbit. It was another nine months before this country could orbit a man.

But trouble piled up for Kennedy. He met with Khrushchev in Vienna and the critical jockeying over Berlin began. Kennedy, to show there was no American softening, built up defenses, called up Reservists.

Disarmament talks got nowhere, the Russians stunned Kennedy by suddenly resuming nuclear testing, a move now driving Kennedy to new nuclear tests.

In between times the United States poked its nose deeper into Latin-American affairs when Dictator Rafael Trujillo was assassinated in the Dominican Republic.

And it got deeper into Asia with stepped up help for Viet Nam against Communist guerrillas, help that included American fighting men who are not supposed to be fighting unless attacked.

Kennedy had to reorganize the State Department, do some shifting around in his own White House staff, try to get along with some difficult allies like French President Charles de Gaulle, push a new trade program on Congress, plus all the other things he tried to do with Congress.

Almost until this Easter the Russians kept up a dangerous pressure on Berlin and then Kennedy got hit with one of his greatest tests here at home when the steel industry raised prices. He won that fight.

He won it just in time to be able to fly to Florida to relax, which was just about the time the Russians began to take some of the heat off Berlin.

No other crisis is in sight at the moment. That can hardly last long in a

Jacqueline Kennedy To Get Rare Pandas

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Jacqueline Kennedy is going to get two rare baby pandas to replace the two tiger cubs that died after they were presented to her during her visit to India.

Pandas, natives of the Himalayas, are difficult to locate but two have been found.

Because they must be brought down gradually to sea level, two from the zoo in Hamburg, West Germany, will be sent to Mrs. Kennedy in three or four weeks, U.S. Ambassador John Kenneth Galbraith revealed. The two that have been captured in the Himalayas will be sent to Hamburg, one tiger cub, presented to the U.S. First Lady by India's International Airline, died of food poisoning. Mrs. Kennedy asked Prime Minister Nehru if they could be replaced by pandas.

READER OPINIONS

Resident Wants End To Daylight Time Row

To The Editor: Daylight Saving Time! Every time I hear those words I get ready to drag out my soap box and blast the culprit who uttered them.

Despite the fact that the law provides for standard time in all of Oregon, the time difference between Portland and Washington worked such a hardship on the merchants that they demanded and got a special dispensation for a time change.

No, it wasn't the Washington merchants who made that move, in spite of the fact that their Oregon competition stayed open an hour later than they did.

Then the governor signed the bill and dug a hole in which to bury his Oregon political ambitions at one and the same time.

Next, the merchants and Chambers of Commerce took up the chant and the city councils added harmony. So, now, thanks to all that wonderful cooperation, the entire situation is, to put it mildly, in one h— of a mess.

Don't give up yet though, voters, maybe if we turn down daylight time in five or six more elections we can finally convince people that

we live in a democracy and are not bowing to a new aristocracy. Isn't there any way to enforce the present law and stop the time switching?

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Spring Roundup Nears End At Melrose Church

The Melrose Spring Roundup, a Sunday School contest sponsored by the Melrose Community Church, nears its close with keen interest and high anticipation that the goal of 225 enrolled in Sunday School by Easter will be reached, reports Nettie Woodruff, correspondent.

Current leader among the individuals is Ralph Arensmeier with 250 points. Cindy Bell is second with 180 and Kay Kaiser third with 170. Class leaders are: in the junior department, the Junior girls with 580 points; in the senior department, the young adult class with 280 points.

Contest chairman Dennis Johnston invites each one to join the roundup by attending Sunday School this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. During the boys brigade award presentation Sunday evening at the church Ricky Eckley and Richard Nickolaus received explorer awards. Jeff Johnston and Douglas Sanders received membership cards. The brigade will have an overnight campout May 4 and 5 at Devils Den for those passing explorer rank.

TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA
PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — This sign appears on the door of a house in Glen Hurd, Port Elizabeth:
"Beware of my Mother-in-Law."

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