



Dear Abby!

"Carats And Lettuce!"

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: What should a person do when someone asks her how many carats her diamond ring is? I have recently become engaged and am wearing a very beautiful diamond ring. I have had people I hardly know ask me this question. Of course I KNOW how many carats my ring is but I don't think it's anybody else's business. How should I handle this?

DEAR HAVE: Those who ask how many carats a diamond is are far more interested in how much lettuce is involved. The only good answer to a presumptuous question is an honest, "I'm not telling."

DEAR ABBY: My wife is my problem. We've been married 22 years and have one child, a daughter, 17. She's a normal, average girl and has never given us any trouble. My wife has been a personal maid for this child all her life. She's never allowed her to spend a night with a girl friend or go to summer camp. When the question of college came up, my wife said if Doris (not her real name) went away to college she wouldn't be worth living and she'd die of loneliness. Personally, I think Doris should go away to college. She wants to, but her mother won't even discuss it. What should be done?

ONLY THE FATHER

DEAR ONLY: It appears that you already have one neurotic woman on your hands — do you want to try for two? Ask your clergyman, family doctor or some-

one outside your family, whose opinion your wife respects, to point out to your wife that her "attachment" to her daughter is not good. Now is the time to curtail it, or you will soon be looking for a psychiatrist with twin couches.

DEAR ABBY: We had a big discussion about which is more important in rearing children—heredity or environment. It is very discouraging for parents to be told that, in spite of their efforts, heredity plays a far more important part in the character of their children. I disagree completely. I'd like your views.

THINKER: The frightening thing about heredity and environment is that we parents provide both!

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Now You Know

More than 80 per cent of auto accidents occur in good weather on clear, straight roads and are caused by human failure, according to a survey by the Travelers Insurance Companies.

Frightening Emergency Confronts Kennedy On Civil Rights Issues

By LYLE C. WILSON

United Press International

President Kennedy miscalculated the civil rights pressures by so wide a margin that he finds himself now confronting a dangerous and frightening emergency.

The emergency is both dangerous and frightening because it threatens civil disorder, riotous mobs in city streets. Civil disorder is spreading in the South. There is the solemn threat of it in Northern cities. The capital, itself, has been put on notice by

Negro spokesmen that racial conditions must change in Washington to prevent a race riot. Kennedy's miscalculation was political. The 1960 Democratic presidential platform carried to extraordinary extremes the promise of legislative and administrative action in behalf of civil rights. Negroes applauded the platform and voted for Kennedy. He probably would have lost some big states and the presidency without their support.

Kennedy decided to postpone civil rights legislation during his first two White House years to avoid arousing Southern members of Congress. Their angry reaction would have delayed and perhaps killed much of Kennedy's other legislative proposals. Meantime, the President moved fairly hard and fast with administrative measures in behalf of civil rights, with special emphasis on the right to vote.

The Kennedy administration's biggest play for the Negroes, however, was in the field of emotional propaganda. Some Negroes were named to relatively high federal office. Negro leaders were welcome socially at the White House. The President dropped in unexpectedly one day on a group of young Negro college women who were having lunch. News stories and newspaper pictures kept the nation informed of the President's attention to Negroes.

This political play seemed to be working well until this year when it suddenly fell apart. Negro leaders who had accepted Kennedy's early civil rights strategy as a political necessity for him, suddenly became disenchanted. Even the President's best friends began to tell him. His anxious telephone calls to Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. on those occasions when her husband was jailed in the South were effective for a time. But just the other day, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was telling a California audience that the President had not done enough to outlaw segregation.

Still Helping Meredith

The Kennedy administration continues to support with armed men the ambition of James H. Meredith to study at the University of Mississippi. But Meredith

is on record now that Kennedy is not doing enough. Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy peculiarly has identified himself with civil rights. Negroes with whom he met a few days ago to discuss the situation were unimpressed. They pronounced R.F.K. naive and lacking in understanding of the race situation. It is proposed that President Kennedy personally integrate the University of Alabama by taking a Negro by the hand and leading him through the process of registration.

The end result of the political situation, Kennedy evidently will move hard and fast now for civil rights legislation. The frightening question is this: Is it already too late to prevent riots in the streets?

U.S. Says Red Test Ban Demands Illogical

GENEVA (UPI)—The United States appealed to Communist disarmament negotiators today to talk sense instead of demanding one-sided concessions from the West.

U.S. negotiator Charles C. Stelle told the 17-nation disarmament conference Soviet demands that the United States remove nuclear

arms from foreign bases and de-nuclearize the Mediterranean Sea are unfair and illogical.

He said the Russians "seek in

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unilateral fashion to harass and obstruct Western defensive moves taken to keep NATO modern and up to date in the face of the mammoth Soviet military effort."

"Each side can think up such unbalanced schemes, but we in the West are sensible and responsible enough not to burden our conference and the world public with such nonsense."

"We can just imagine the reaction of the Soviet Union if we were to propose... a nuclear free zone comprising the full territory of all states bordering on the Caspian Sea," Stelle said.

"Let us get on with realistic measures that have some chance of general acceptance."

Speaking before Stelle, Soviet negotiator Semyon K. Tsarapkin renewed Soviet proposals for a non-aggression pact between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. The West repeatedly has rejected this idea as being divorced from disarmament goals.

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