



Dear Abby!

For The Birds!

— By ABIGAIL VANBUREN —

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column recently from a woman who thought that the practice of parakeets flying over the dinner table at mealtime was unsanitary. And you agreed with her! Abby, I thought you were supposed to be a pretty hep gal. Haven't you ever heard of Parakeet Diapers? They are made of washable jersey and come in three sizes. Small, medium and large. They will not hamper birds in flight and are designed with a comfortable halter neck so the birds can't lose them. This is no gag, and I don't sell them. But I've bought them.

FRED IN ALBANY
DEAR FRED: Now I've heard everything! I don't sell them either, but I'll bet a lot of readers would like to know who does.

DEAR ABBY: This may not seem very important to you, but I want to know how to follow

AFL-CIO Won't Endorse March

UNITY HOUSE, Pa. (UPI) — The AFL-CIO high command refused today to endorse the Aug. 28 civil rights march on Washington despite appeals by two union leaders who called for organized labor's backing of the mass demonstration.

A "hands off" policy toward the march was adopted by the AFL-CIO Executive Council over the protests of Auto Workers President Walter P. Reuther and Negro union chief A. Philip Randolph.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, said he felt most of the council members concluded there was grave doubt about whether the march would hamper passage of civil rights legislation.

The council's statement said AFL-CIO unions were free to join the march if they wished. But it added that the labor federation would stiek to lobbying on Capitol Hill and moving against discrimination at the grass roots level.

The decision was a setback for Randolph, national director of the march, and Reuther, another principal sponsor of the demonstration that is expected to attract more than 100,000 Negro and white marchers.

"We are not endorsing the march nor are we condemning it," Meany told a news conference. "We are in complete sympathy with the organizations that are sponsoring this march. The AFL-CIO shares the same goals with the Negro civil rights organizations."

Meany said he personally felt the march was unwise. He said demonstrators might break away from the main procession and invade Capitol Hill despite the best intentions on the part of march sponsors.

through on something that has bothered me for a long time. I am considered a good-looking young man, but my ears stand out, away from my head, a very noticeable degree. I have read that some movie actors have been operated on to have this defect corrected. Is it dangerous? Is it expensive? And where can I get an operation of this kind?

DUMBO
DEAR DUMBO: Surgery is always "dangerous" unless performed by an expert. I don't know how "expensive" it is, but you can get all the information you want by asking your family doctor to refer you to a plastic surgeon.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has always been quite well-to-do. Our daughter wanted to marry a 27-year-old man of whom we did not approve. She was too young to marry without our consent, and we forbade her to do so. The day she became of age they went to City Hall and were married. We told her we never wanted to see her again. We got our wish. It has been nine years since we have seen her. And we have never seen our two grandchildren. We never realized that in making such a threat we would be the ones to pay. Please print this for parents who might be tempted to keep apart two people who really love each other.

DEAR SORRY: Are you saying that parents should set aside their better judgment when an underage daughter announces she wants to marry? True, you shouldn't have said you never wanted to see her again. THAT was your mistake, NOT forbidding your daughter to marry a man of whom you disapproved. Quit punishing yourself. Make an effort to see your daughter. One of these days she'll realize that she is being foolish, too.

Aid Says Rocky Remains In Race

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An aide to Gov. Rockefeller has been assuring Republican legislators in Washington that his chief is solidly in the 1964 presidential race, according to the New York Times.

In a dispatch published today, the Times quoted unidentified congressmen as having been assured that the governor would stay in the fight for the Republican nomination through at least two primary contests — probably New Hampshire and California.

The assurances, according to the Times, were circulated among liberal Republican senators and congressmen by George L. Hinman, Republican national committeeman from New York, who is a Rockefeller political adviser.

"I just wanted you to know that we're in this thing all the way," the Times quoted Hinman as telling the legislators. However, the accounts said that Hinman was careful not to commit the governor to a specific political schedule.

Goldwater Says Gap May Be Opened In Defenses By Test Ban

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said today the limited nuclear test ban treaty may well be opening "a possible fatal gap" in U. S. defenses against enemy missile attack.

In a prepared statement, the GOP presidential front runner said that "If this treaty really means that we must abandon efforts to defend ourselves against attack by ICBM, then I would say that we have a clear challenge to the security of this nation."

Such a challenge, he added, "flatly refutes the President's claim that no segment of our national security will be sacrificed should we approve this treaty."

Goldwater took specific note of President Kennedy's Aug. 1 news conference in which he said that the problem of developing a defense against a missile may be beyond the technical feasibility of both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The President said that the difficulty in developing an anti-missile involves the questions of selecting the real ICBM from among decoys, and of targeting more than it does the problem of developing a nuclear warhead that can blow up incoming rockets.

Goldwater said this news conference statement in effect "seemingly sentenced to death" U. S. program to build an anti-missile defense. He added that there should be "iron clad assurance that anti-missile development will not be inhibited by the treaty or by the president's personal pessimism."

His statement came as Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's test ban hearings that the treaty will not hurt U. S. efforts to develop an anti-missile missile.

McNamara said that "the best present judgment" is that U. S. efforts to design an antimissile

defense "are comparable in magnitude and success with those of the Soviets."

He said that "any deployed system which the Soviets are likely to have in the near future will probably not be as effective, almost certainly not more effective, than the Nike-Zeus." And, he pointedly added, "It should be noted that the U. S. decided not to deploy the Nike-Zeus because its effectiveness was inadequate."

McNamara added that "one important point stands out in connection with the antiballistic missile. The ABM problem is dominated by factors unrelated to the treaty — by reaction speed, mis-

sile performance, traffic handling capacity, and capacity for decoy discrimination."

"A fuller understanding of the (communications) blackout phenomenon — which would result from tests prohibited by the treaty — might at most permit some reduction in the number of ABM radars required per ABM site."

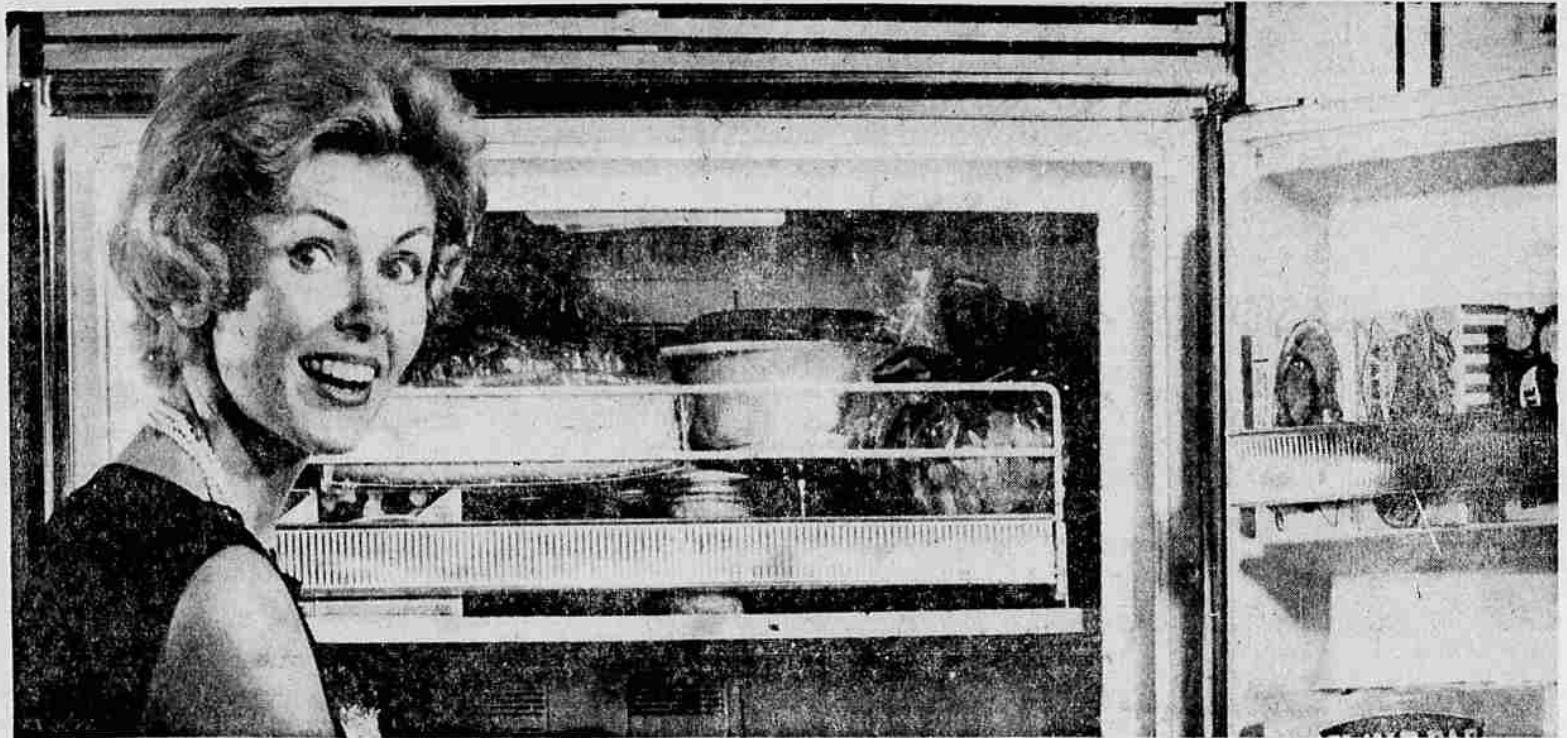
Thus, the secretary concluded, "with or without a test ban, we could proceed with the development of an ABM system."

Goldwater said that Kennedy's news conference statement cast serious doubts "upon our defense capabilities and potential as part of his consideration of this treaty."

These doubts must be explored here, fully and finally, lest we vote not for peace but for destruction."

The senator, a member of the Armed Services Committee whose members were sitting in on the treaty hearings, noted that the Nike-Zeus missile already has successfully knocked down Atlas missiles in Pacific Ocean tests. He conceded it was a "primitive defense" at this stage, but all effort should be pushed to improve it.

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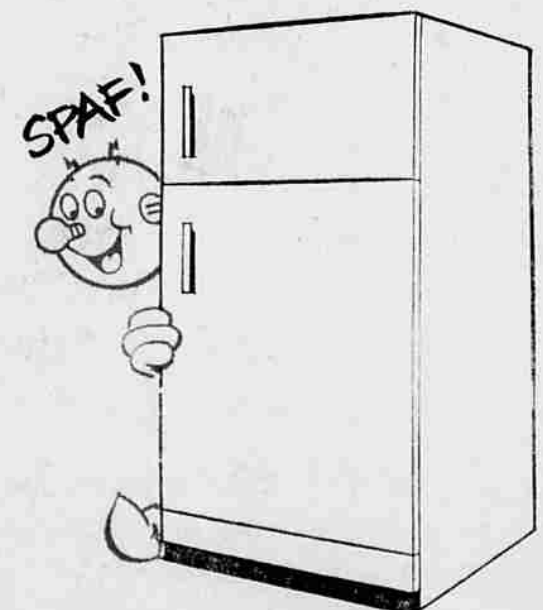
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