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They Didn't Know Who He Was

What individual has had his picture printed more often than anyone else in all history?

We raise this quiz show type question because this individual has had his picture printed an astonishing 496 billion times, and now, all of a sudden, his picture will appear no more.

Who is he? George Washington? Abraham Lincoln? No, he is DeWitt Clinton.

Never heard of him? That is strange, because if ever you, or your father before you ever bought a pack of cigarettes it had a picture of DeWitt Clinton on it. His was the face that adorned the federal cigarette stamp that until June 24 had to be affixed to every package of cigarettes produced.

Because of the phenominal number of cigarettes sold, Clinton's picture has appeared more often than that of anyone else. Not even Lincoln, Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Martha Washington, whose portraits appear on low denomination postage stamps, can come anywhere near Clinton in the number of times his picture has been printed.

How did Clinton happen to be so honored? "Tobacco news" explains in its current issue that in 1875 when the Cigar-

ette tax was raised from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per thousand, it happened to be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal. Clinton, who had been mayor of New York, a U. S. senator and governor of New York was chosen because he had been probably the most prominent promoter of the canal.

aftat merely putting one's picture before the public is no assurance of fame, as was demonstrated when "Tobacco News" interviewed 60 persons on the streets of Washington, D. C., recently, Only nine of the 60 recognized where they had seen Clinton's picture before. None of these was exactly sure who he was.

Incidentally abolishment of the cigarette tax stamp doesn't mean that cigarettes are no longer being taxed. Instead the cigarette makers will be required to pay the tax on a semi-monthly basis in a lump sum, rather than have to tie up so much of their funds in advance tax payments by purchasing stamps.

Stamp collectors, we foresee, will suddenly create a demand for DeWitt Clinton cigarette stamps. For, despite the fact that nearly 500 billion of them have been printed, they are probably a scarce item already

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Complacency Puts U.S.

In Dangerous Position BOSTON-As the result of a bas launched a dozen. Our sec-raffic accident this writer spent retary of defense has even statpart of the Fourth of July week ed publicy that we have no plans end in the Massachusetts General for catching up with Russia on

ospital in Boston. This does not long range missiles. the should be more deadly than burniss requires the development which should be used in many that my wife should be more quires accelerated, intensified ed. The book is "Democracy versus the should be used in many the should be more that my wife should be more quires accelerated, intensified ed. The book is "Democracy versus the should be used in many thousands more.

miracles with wounded GFs, and excellent, that her teachers are the book for the instruction, that her average of thanks also to the kindly effi-students per classroom is lower in the comprehension of high ciency of Massachusetts General than ours. urses, Mrs. P. emerged battered. are now safer than bicycles. After all, times change.

While I was sitting in the hosital, the people of Boston, leav Boston, the latter on religious ing for long weekends or sitting grounds. on the banks of the Charles rivinterested in the statement of based on hard, unpleasant facts. Nikita Khrushchev to Averell However, facts can be changed. Harriman that Russia would gain No one dreamed that the little

upremacy over the United States band of farmers who fought at in a relatively few years. They Lexington or the political up-seemed more concerned over starts who signed the Declaration tews that Mike Higgins had been of Independence could build a ired as manager of the Boston Red Sox You can't blame them. Simul-

You can't blame them. Simul-taneously their leader in the We still are. We are not yet White House had left for an even a second-class power. And we longer weekend in Maryland ap-don't have to be—if we substi-parently with no pressing cares the the spirit of Concord and cher than the rubbers of bridge Lexington for the spirit of comand the holes of golf he was go-ing to play with his camp David placency. guests

Embattled Americans

Out at Lexington, now 15 minough ride when Paul Revers had to make it on horseback, tourists inspected the village green where embattled farmers tried to fight off British Redcoats in those days when we weren't interested in long week-ends and when the only bridge that meant anything was that at Concord where another group of farmers fired the shot heard ound the world.

ngs have changed since The shot that would now Things hen. heard round the world, if fir ed, has been transferred to Ber lin, far from the suburbs of Bos

At Lexington when Captain Parker said "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but they mean to have war, let begin here," a total of 11

Americans were killed. But at Berlin if Secretary of State Herter says "We'll stand our ground. If they mean war, let it begin here," around 48,000,000 Americans might well be killed. That is the figure propounded by the Holifield committee rearding the consequences of ato tic war.

Yes, things change. Over the horizon of the Bos on business section looms a new skyscraper, the John Han rock Life Insurance building nam ed for the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. Re cently that insurance company was charged with being part of a conspiracy by a strong Republi-can newspaper to squeeze an independent, pro-Democratic news paper out of business, thereby in reasing the trend toward a one party press in the USA.

Russia, which Khrushchev tays will triumph over the USA. there is a one-party press. But in those days when the American colonies burned for freedom there were scores of little news

Textbook Explains The Differences Between Communism, Democracy

By LYLE C. WILSON UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) - This essay is an unabashed plug for a text book which is being used

that my wife should be more quires accelerated, intensified ed-careful about riding such an old ucation. Our commissioner of Communism." It was prepared fashioned means of locomotion as education, Dr. Lawrence Derth-lick, an Elsenhower appointee, However, thanks to the skill has officially reported that Rus-of Dr. V. H. Kazanjian, the plas-sia has made amazing strides in the source of the skill has officially reported that Rus-tic surgeon who has worked such education, that her teachers are miracles with wounded GPs and excellent, that her average of It is simply written, well with-

Simultaneously, an aid to ed-ucation bill improving both teach-sers and classrooms is blocked in burn, a bachelor, and Democra-tic Leader John McCornick of Boston, the latter on religious grounds. If you count the gains of Rus-sia realistically, the Khrushchev boast, distasteful we hit is con to themselves or to others boast, distasteful we hit is con to the self." NEW YORK — Nobel prize winner Ralph Bunche, on the re-winner Ralph Bunche, on the re-fusal by an all-white tennis clab in Forest Hills, N.Y. to admit in Forest Hills, N.Y. to admit because they are Negrees: "Neither I nor my soo regard it as a hardship or a humiliation. If you count the gains of Rus-sia realistically, the Khrushchev dering my advice that jet planes ers and classrooms is blocked in adults, however, because it ex-

cr listening to those delightful sia realistically, the Khrushchev explain to themselves or to others pop concerts, were only mildly boast, distasteful as it is, was what these differences are. It is the statement of the statem

and read this book. Nixon Should Read It If you think you are a superior ype who understands and can ences between Communism and are too big." country that would surpass the Democracy, then, friend, pause British Empire as the most pow-erful nation in the world. right here and have a go at it. If you are unable to state at least some of these basic differences simply, quickly and easily, then and to read it.

Vice President Richard M. Nix-on is a knowledgeable fellow about Communism. He could do worse, however, than to get a gest test on the difference be copy of the institute's book for tween Communism and Democra

airplane reading when he flies cy. De was frank enough to make this month to Moscow. Perhaps a public confession. He told John Marshall, who is president news conference in 1957 that he of the institute, will send a copy and Soviet Marshal Zhukov had

many long discussions about ou to the vice president for free. respective doctrines."

QUOTES FROM "I was very hard put to it, ke confessed, "when Zhukov is tke confessed. THE NEWS sisted that their system appeale to the idealistic, and we complete ly to the materialistic, and I had

a very tough time trying to defend

HAMMOND, Ind. would be good for the United First Deputy Premier Frol Koz-States if all citizens would obtain lov, on the dimensions of the praise, indeed. The president has American sirloin steak:

people, but I have one request. he said in 1956: Could you please reduce the size type who understands and can Could you please reduce the size "Competition for men's mind simply explain the basic differ-of the beefsteaks? The helpings begins when they are students

else."

you owe it to yourself and to your ting married at 65? We can get That is exactly what "demo-fellow citizens to buy this book around just as well as anybody cracy Versus Communism" seeks



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merican sirloin steak: "I know you are a hospitable they are good ones. For example,

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"Competition for men's mind This is when they must be taught to discriminate between truth and

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Willie D. Jeffries, 65, who had just wed Mrs. Frances Pilcher, 74: he American form of government That is exactly what "dem

Mrs. Frances Pilcher, 74: "What's so unusual about get-and the Soviet form. to teach

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Problem For The A

How to treat royalty has always been a problem for Americans. We fought a war to get royalty off our backs 185 years ago and it has been part of our heritage ever since to look with some degree of scorn on the king and queen system. Yet we recognize European titled heads as celebrities who deserve to be treated with a special kind of respect when they set foot on our shores and it is not easy to figure out how to do it right.

Chicago had the problem for 13 hours Monday with Queen Elizabeth, No. British monarch had ever been in Chicago before-perhaps never dared to go -and the big city was as much a-twitter as it ever gets.

It handled Elizabeth the same way the

Queen, Too Pacific Northwest handled a visit from

Queen Marie of Rumania some 30 years ago. That is, they rushed her around on a sightseeing tour and keeping so much on the move that if anyone doesn't know just what was the right thing to say or do, it would be overlooked in the hurry to keep up with an overcrowded schedule.

There's no way to know, but we would imagine that royalty, visiting in a country which believes one man is as good as another, would be just as nervous as those wondering whether to bow low, tip their hat, offer to shake hands or just drop dead when ushered into such august company.

The brevity of the queen's visit indicates she didn't want to venture over the border into Yankee land any longer than she had to.

The Worm Has Turned-All The Way

Well, someone's finally done it. An outfit in Washington, D.C., has worked out an arrangement for travelers to get discounts for cash.

The organization has put out a travel card which allows the holder to get discounts if he pays in cash for restaurant, hotel and other bills.

The idea was a natural. Those who use the Diner's Club and other universaltype credit cards pay the full, going rate. But the stores, restaurants, etc., have to take discounts from the outfit putting out the cards.

This new bunch has figured the discount might as well go directly to the

customer, so that's the reason for the new card.

The result, of course, is that if everyone is going to grant discounts for one thing or another, the prices will just be raised that amount.

So no one wins, in the end.

But, for the present at least, it's comforting to know the worm has turned.

Barbs

Sharpening your lawn mower will enable you to cut the grass at a fast clip.

We've never been sure whether those bathing suits were Bikinis or Peekinis.

Ben Franklin and other patriots who cared not about TV or radio stations or other means of mon polizing the news. They cared only about building a new free ountry. Again, things have ountry. changed.

Crippling Complacency

What Khrushchev was saying when he told Harriman that the USSR would surpass the USA was that the USA was on the road to becoming a second-class power. Some months ago this writer co-authored a book, "U.S. A .- Second-Class Power?" which warned of this same danger. Some people were shocked at the title, considered the authors scare-mongers. In Boston some people seemed a bit shocked at Krushchey's boast to Harriman They couldn't believe that the country built up by the courage ind energy of those who battled t Lexington could be in danger becoming a second-class pow

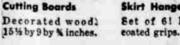
But things change. Especially change if we get complac-Let's look at the record of ent. omplacency and change. It has now been almost two

rears since Russia launched its first Sputnik, Oct. 4, 1957, and the USA has not launched a sate life anywhere near the size of his first Sputnik. In that same period we have not yet launch ed a long-range missile. Russia

ROMAN GALLEON SIGHTED

GROSSETO, Italy (UPI) - An Italian diver Wednesday reported finding what appeared to be the uins of a 2,000 year-old Roman galleon. The find was made by Capt Leonardo Fusco at a depth of 170 feet in the Mediterranean off Italy's west central coast.

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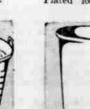
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