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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 21 had to be affixed to every package of cigarettes produced.

Because of the phenomenal 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.

That 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.

## A Problem For The Queen, Too

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

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 universal-type 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.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

## Complacency Puts U.S. In Dangerous Position

BOSTON—As the result of a traffic accident this writer spent part of the Fourth of July week end in the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston. This does not mean that New England automobiles are more deadly than bur-  
 escrats' brickbats, but rather that my wife should be more careful about riding such an old-fashioned means of locomotion as the bicycle.

However, thanks to the skill of Dr. V. H. Kazanjian, the plastic surgeon who has worked such miracles with wounded GIs, and thanks also to the kindly efficiency of Massachusetts General nurses, Mrs. P. emerged battered, but all in one piece. She is pondering my advice that jet planes are now safer than bicycles. After all, times change.

While I was sitting in the hospital, the people of Boston, leaving for long weekends or sitting on the banks of the Charles river listening to those delightful pop concerts, were only mildly interested in the statement of Nikita Khrushchev to Averell Harriman that Russia would gain supremacy over the United States in a relatively few years. They seemed more concerned over news that Mike Higgins had been fired as manager of the Boston Red Sox.

You can't blame them. Simultaneously their leader in the White House had left for an even longer weekend in Maryland apparently with no pressing cares other than the rubbers of bridge and the holes of golf he was going to play with his camp David guests.

Embattled Americans  
 Out at Lexington, now 15 minutes from Boston, though a long, tough ride when Paul Revere 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 weekends and when the only bridge that meant anything was that at Concord where another group of farmers fired the shot heard round the world.

Things have changed since then. The shot that would now be heard round the world, if fired, has been transferred to Berlin, far from the suburbs of Boston.

At Lexington when Captain Parker said "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have war, let it 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 regarding the consequences of atomic war.

Yes, things change.

Over the horizon of the Boston business section looms a new skyscraper, the John Hancock Life Insurance building named for the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. Recently that insurance company was charged with being part of a conspiracy by a strong Republican newspaper to squeeze an independent, pro-Democratic newspaper out of business, thereby increasing the trend toward a one-party press in the USA.

In Russia, which Khrushchev says 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 newspapers published by Tom Paine, Ben Franklin and other patriots who cared not about TV or radio stations or other means of monopolizing the news. They cared only about building a new free country. Again, things have 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 Khrushchev's boast to Harriman. They couldn't believe that the country built up by the courage and energy of those who battled at Lexington could be in danger of becoming a second-class power.

But things change. Especially they change if we get complacent. Let's look at the record of complacency and change.

It has now been almost two years since Russia launched its first Sputnik, Oct. 4, 1957, and the USA has not launched a satellite anywhere near the size of this first Sputnik. In that same period we have not yet launched a long-range missile. Russia

## Textbook Explains The Differences Between Communism, Democracy

By LYLE C. WILSON  
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — This essay is an unabashed plug for a textbook which is being used in about 1,000 U.S. schools but which should be used in many thousands more.

The book is "Democracy versus Communism." It was prepared and published by the Institute of Fiscal and Political Education, D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., Princeton, N.J., prints and distributes the book for the institute.

It is simply written, well within the comprehension of high school freshmen or, even, eighth grade students. This book is recommended reading for interested adults, however, because it explains effectively what are the great basic differences between Democracy and Communism.

Too many adults, interested or not, are not sufficiently aware of these differences as to be able to explain to themselves or to others what these differences are. It would be good for the United States if all citizens would obtain and read this book.

**Nixon Should Read It**  
 If you think you are a superior type who understands and can simply explain the basic differences between Communism and Democracy, then, friend, pause 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 you owe it to yourself and to your fellow citizens to buy this book and to read it.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon is a knowledgeable fellow about Communism. He could do worse, however, than to get a copy of the institute's book for airplane reading when he flies this month to Moscow. Perhaps John Marshall, who is president of the institute, will send a copy to the vice president for free.

## QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

**NEW YORK** — Nobel prize winner Ralph Bunche, on the refusal by an all-white tennis club in Forest Hills, N.Y., to admit him and his son to membership because they are Negroes:  
 "Neither I nor my son regard it as a hardship or a humiliation. Rather, it is a discredit to the club itself."

**HAMMOND, Ind.** — Russian First Deputy Premier Frol Kozlov, on the dimensions of the American airlift steak:  
 "I know you are a hospitable people, but I have one request. Could you please reduce the size of the beefsteaks? The helpings are too big."

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Willie D. Jeffries, 65, who had just wed Mrs. Frances Pilcher, 74:  
 "What's so unusual about getting married at 65? We can get around just as well as anybody else."

If so, Marshall might also send one to the White House. President Eisenhower flunked his biggest test on the difference between Communism and Democracy. Ike was frank enough to make a public confession. He told a news conference in 1957 that he and Soviet Marshal Zhukov had "many long discussions about our respective doctrines."

**Ike Had Trouble**  
 "I was very hard put to it," Ike confessed, "when Zhukov insisted that their system appealed to the idealistic, and we completely to the materialistic, and I had a very tough time trying to defend our position."

A student in any of the 1,000 schools where the institute's book is being used as a text would have represented the United States better than Eisenhower in those talks with Zhukov. Students in the multi-thousands of schools in which the book is not used, however, probably would be no better informed on this subject than Eisenhower, which is faint praise, indeed. The president has some ideas on the subject and they are good ones. For example, he said in 1956:  
 "Competition for men's minds begins when they are students. This is when they must be taught to discriminate between truth and falsehood. Specifically they must be taught to discriminate between the American form of government and the Soviet form."  
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**ROMAN GALLEON SIGHTED**  
 GROSSETO, Italy (UPI) — An Italian diver Wednesday reported finding what appeared to be the ruins 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.