

Collection yields humorous tidbits

Over the years, I have gathered lots of humorous items from magazines, newspapers, books on humor and laughter, and other sources. Herewith are a few samples from my collection.

MURPHY'S LAW
If anything can go wrong, it will.

O'TOOLE'S COMMENTARY ON MURPHY'S LAW
Murphy was an optimist.

THE UNSPEAKABLE LAW
As soon as you mention something...if it's good it goes away; if it's bad it happens.

HOWE'S LAW
Every man has a scheme that will not work.

ETORRE'S OBSERVATION
The other line moves faster.

LAW OF SELECTIVE GRAVITY
An object will fall so as to do the most damage.

JENNING'S COROLLARY \$\$\$\$\$

The chance of the bread falling with the buttered side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.

BOREN'S FIRST LAW
When in doubt, mumble.

GORDON'S FIRST LAW
If the research project is not worth doing at all, it is not worth doing well.

THE GOLDEN RULE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Whoever has the gold makes the rules.

BARTH'S DISTINCTION
There are two types of people: those who divide people into two types, and those who don't.

SEGAL'S LAW
A man with one watch knows what time it is.
A man with two watches is never sure.

Max Eastman wrote beautifully on humor in "Enjoyment of Laughter." Here is what he said:

"Grown-up people are amateurs in laughter; babies are the real thing. If there is an exception to this rule, it is the professional humorists and comedians....people so exceptionally endowed with comic feeling and perception that they keep on laughing or causing laughter a good deal of the time all their lives. Their testimony, if you can find any common element in it, might be almost as valuable as that of the babies. The question I found most provocative, "What do you think of the idea that there is hostility, or a feeling of superiority, in all laughter...or, to put it another way, that all jokes are 'on' somebody and that all laughter is at bottom ridicule. I have discussed laughter and the comic with men

and women of this profession, and I list some of their answers here."

VOLTAIRE: "Laughter always arises from a gaiety of disposition absolutely incompatible with contempt and indignation."

BYRON: "If I laugh at any mortal thing, 'tis that I may not weep."

LINCOLN: "I laugh because I must not cry---that's, all that's all."

MARK TWAIN: "Everything human is pathetic. The secret of humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven."

GROUCHO MARX: There are all kinds of humor. some is derisive, some sympathetic, and some merely whimsical. That is what makes comedy so much harder to create than serious drama; people laugh in so many different ways, and they cry in only one.

Letters

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WWII, the Russian occupation regime known as the Soviets decided that they had had enough of Latvian antics and decided on a program to destroy the Latvian nation. This program of destruction, in addition to traditional methods such as execution and deportation, employs subtle, internationally less visible methods.

One such method is industrialization of the territory historically inhabited by the Latvians. Without any economic justification, huge industrial plants are imported from other parts of the Soviet Union. Raw materials to operate these plants are also imported from other parts of the Soviet Union. The products of these industries again disappear into the Soviet Union, without any benefit to the Latvians.

However, the most deadly aspect of this machination, as far as survival of the Latvian nation is concerned, is the forced immigration of labor from other parts of the Soviet Union to man these plants.

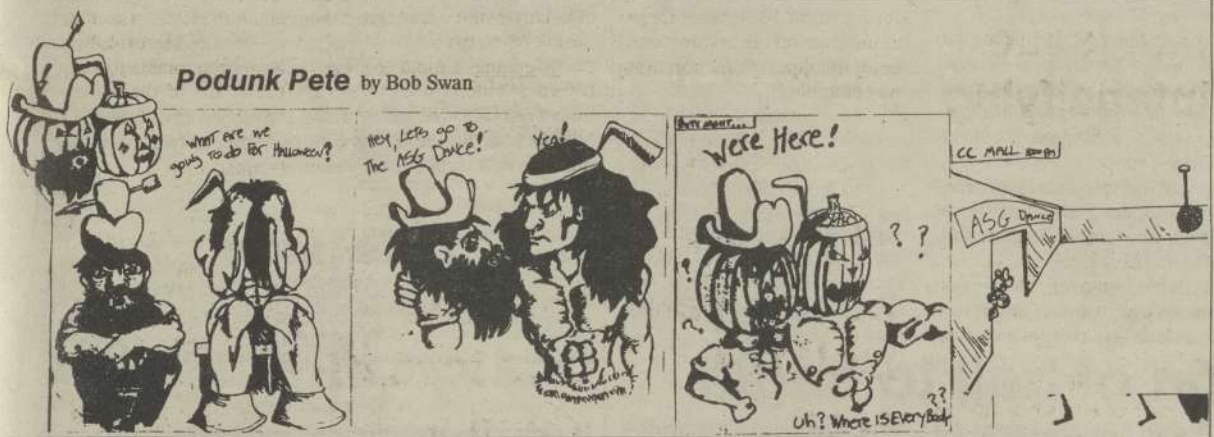
At this time (1989), this program of genocide has created a situation where Latvians are now a minority in their homeland.

It has been announced that the Chrysler Corporation plans to build a manufacturing plant in Latvia. Latvians see this as one more step in the program to destroy their nation. Under no circumstances do we believe that the Chrysler Corporation knowingly participates in furthering genocide. Nevertheless, the Chrysler project will promote the influx of some 50,000 additional workers, thus further weakening the ability of Latvians to survive. (Native Latvian population prior to WWI: 3.1 million, down to 1.4 million now.)

Industrialization with subsequent migration of new workers into Latvia creates an unprecedented historical event, namely, the Latvian nation will be democratically voted out of existence. In addition, the post-war forced industrialization has caused unbelievable contamination: all of Latvia's lakes and rivers have been declared unfit for swimming. Birth defects among migrants and Latvians are a disaster. The most polluted area is Ventspils where Occidental Petroleum built huge chemical plants.

Latvians are not asking for special privileges. We would be grateful to receive just half of the rights accorded to the smallest and weakest member of the United Nations. Please help us stop Chrysler.

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Campus Views

Do you know anyone that was involved in the bay area earthquake?



Ted C. Baird: No, and yet it did in a way. I want to go to U.C. Berkeley when I get out of the Army in 5 years, and this does have an effect on my decision to futher my education there.



David Nightingale: Yes my uncle was worried and he called yesterday to say he was ok. I had just met him a week earlier for the first time in 12 years.



Gilbert Corral: My mom was there, she said it was kind of fun other than the fact that people were hurt.



Susan Eddy: My cousin lives in Santa Clara. He said that his neighbors house only 500 yards away basement and all slid down the hill they lost everything. I slept good for the first time last night.

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