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Parental Problems



SIPS FOR SUPPER

He Already Knew

By DON UPJOHN

It seems our warning of the other evening to our old friend Dominic George Swift against riding on a motorcycle for fear he might get his neck twisted was unnecessary. He already knew the perils of a man in that position who wears his collar buttoned backwards. In a letter to us he tells of an experience of his in school when he was 12 years old and went to a one-room country school. He said on the day of the incident the pupils had bothered the teacher until her patience was at the breaking point. During the afternoon recess the children selected the future dominie as the one to provide "the last straw." So George took off his shirt, coat and pants, put them on in reverse, and entered the school room a minute late. He marched in backwards to his seat at the front of the room. He says as he approached his seat he heard determined footsteps approaching. Suddenly the teacher angrily grabbed him by the head, yanked it as far around as it would go and screamed, "Why don't you look where you're going?"



Don Upjohn

An FT & BA Chiseler

Droxford, Eng. (AP) — A 36-year-old cattle dealer was charged today with obtaining 482 pounds 18 shillings six pence (\$1352) from the food ministry on false pretenses. Douglas Frederick Clay was accused of removing worn incisor teeth from nine middle-aged cows and replacing them with false teeth so he could sell the cows as heifers to the ministry.

This practice the parking ticket cops have of putting red cards on out-of-town cars and yellow tickets on cars belonging to town folks surely set up one old adage at least, that one about charity beginning at home.

Spokane (AP) — "Woman in bad shape, in dire distress." That was a hurried telephone report to Police Captain John Reilly. Sirens on police car and an emergency ambulance screamed to a downtown hotel. The report was closed with one word: "Nightmare."

One thing seems for sure. Sheriff Denver Young, for the time being at least, can have plenty of expert trusty drivers for his fleet of cars if he wants to use 'em.

Emma, the Pet Housefly

Milwaukee (AP) — A common house fly, turned into a pet at the home of the Elmer H. Baumgartens, created a problem when the family wanted to take a trip.

The Baumgartens were afraid their pet, Emma, would starve while they were away, or seek another home. They finally put some sugar in a bottle cap filled with water and took their trip. Emma greeted them, hale and hearty, when they returned.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

U. S. Stand Removes Prospect Of Recognizing Red China

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Secretary of State Acheson was using plain, though unemotional, language when he said in Washington Wednesday that Chinese communist treatment of American Consul General Ward, who is in a Mukden jail, with four of his staff, removes any present possibility of considering recognition of the new Red Chinese government.

This comes on the heels of repeated failures by American authorities to secure news about Ward and his colleagues, who are accused of beating a Chinese employee.

Even American Consul General O. Edmund Clubb in Peiping has been rebuffed by top Communist leaders.

It also comes at a moment when the Red regime at Peiping, which is seeking recognition by the great powers, is boldly challenging the right of Chinese Nationalist delegates to represent the country in the United Nations.

Thus far none of the members outside the Soviet bloc has shown any disposition to oust these representatives of the regime which still ranks as one of the Big Five in the peace organization.

Britain has been seriously considering the idea of recognizing the Peiping government. Her economic interests in China are far greater than those of any other foreign power, and she naturally is gravely concerned. However, one would expect Downing Street to move slowly now in view of the American position. In fact, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, speaking in the House of Commons Wednesday regarding recognition, said:



DeWitt MacKenzie

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Party Bosses Practice Vote Discrimination of Young Demos

By DREW PEARSON

Los Angeles—While President Truman has been preaching civil rights for the south, he has practiced exactly the same kind of vote discrimination toward groups of young democrats as he has criticized in southern states.

The national convention of young democrats in Chattanooga this week illustrates this vote discrimination, and also highlights the fact that the young democrats, once a live wire, progressive organization, in many states has become a Charley McCarthy for democratic bosses, sometimes bought and paid for.



Drew Pearson

The young democrats of New York state, for instance, are no more representative of the democratic party than Boss Hague of Jersey City. New York democrats are not even permitted to hold an election. Their president is appointed, not elected—by Paul Fitzpatrick, democratic state chairman, who keeps an ironclad hold on the young Dems organization for fear they will bolt to young Congressman Franklin Roosevelt.

Undoubtedly the great preponderance of young democratic voters in New York would definitely be in the Roosevelt camp if they had a chance. Fitzpatrick has his eye on the governorship of New York himself next year, and he doesn't want control to slip into the hands of Franklin Roosevelt, a potential rival.

The throttling of young Dems in New York state is not Truman's fault. But definitely at Truman's doorstep can be laid an even more flagrant case of vote denial—this one in California.

In that state the Young Democrats of California, Inc., has disintegrated into a group of about 100 jaded party hacks who, in effect, have sold the letterhead of their organization to any political faction that would reward them with jobs.

When David Price and Edwin T. Thayer of the California Young Dems were given jobs by George McLain of the California old-age pension group, the young Dems promptly lent their letterhead to promote McLain's old-age pension plan.

As a result, a rival group of young Dems—"The California Young Democratic Clubs" has mushroomed up to 4,000 members, in contrast to fewer than 100 members for the old regulars.

And on July 8, the new group officially applied for recognition by Washington. Their application was signed by Mrs. Edward Heller, democratic national committeewoman; James Roosevelt, National committeeman and Oliver Carter, California chairman of the democratic state committee.

Furthermore, it developed that the old and decrepit young Dems had not paid their dues. They had borrowed \$1,250 from Ed Pauley and Jimmy Roosevelt in 1947 to pay their dues, but something happened to their money—perhaps too much entertainment at conventions. Instead, a promissory note was deposited at headquarters for \$1,560 in lieu of dues. This promissory note was never paid.

Under the young Dem's constitution, the state organization which pays for its dues is supported by the state committeemen and gets official recognition. But in the case of California, the White House mysteriously intervened.

Perhaps, however, it wasn't so mysterious. For Matt Connelly, secretary to the president, got a phone call from George Luckey, California cattleman friend of Mr. Truman's, asking that the new young Dems not be recognized.

This was on July 8, and the application of the new group has cooled on ice until this week. Roy Baker, national chairman of the young Dems, has ordered recognition of the new California group. Bill Boyle, chairman of the Democratic National committee, had promised recognition on Sept. 14. The Los Angeles County Central committee voted 189 to 1 for recognition. But, thanks to White House intervention, 100 old and shopworn "young Dems" continued to represent the entire state of California until this week, while 4,000 new members remained out in the cold.

NOTE—One trouble with the young democrats in many states is that party bosses don't want intelligent youngsters in the or-

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

No Stone or Wooden Idol Ever Had Hold of the Auto

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—If there is such a thing as reincarnation—if we are born again—I want to be a motor car.

Other souls may prefer to come back and inhabit the body of a lion, a dog, a cat or a sacred cow. But if my spirit ever wanders earthward again, I want it to dwell in the chassis of a sleek and shiny automobile. And I'll purr in contentment.

For if the motor car isn't exactly an object of worship in America it is certainly a leading fetish.

A fetish is an object of unreasoning devotion which is supposed to help its owner gain from life whatever he wants. That is a perfect description of the place of the automobile in our civilization.

In slightly more than a gen-



Hal Boyle

eration it has gained a hold on the people such as no stone or wooden idol ever held on an African tribe. And its appeal is steadily increasing.

This year a record number of images of this four-wheeled demi-god of our times will be turned out of the factories—5,500,000.

The automobile has cost more lives in the United States than two world wars, and it has changed the face of our nation and the pattern of our lives.

But the near-worship accorded it only grows stronger. Folks will do things for it they wouldn't think of doing for themselves.

Cities that won't tear down slum areas to build better housing willingly do so to make an arterial highway. Men who refuse to go into debt to own a home cheerfully borrow money to buy a traveling nest of steel, chrome and rubber.

Any number of people spend more money keeping their cars in shape than they do on their own bodies. A gent who lives on hamburgers and refreshes himself with bootleg corn will stoutly insist that his jalopy gulps only the finest high-grade gasoline.

Many carry more insurance on their cars than they do on their own lives.

It costs \$3 a day to keep a car in some indoor Manhattan parking palaces, more than a good middle-class hotel room used to.

In 1938 I paid \$35 rent for a small apartment here with kitchenette and bath. Some garages now charge \$50 and up to care for a car 30 days—and it doesn't even have cooking privileges.

With this veneration of the automobile growing as it is, a man would be a fool to want to come back to America in some afterlife and waste his career as a mouse, an elk or a high-flying duck.

No, the thing to aim for—if you get a second chance—is to be an automobile. That's my goal, and I've given the matter considerable thought.

Zither Player a Hit With Princess

London, Nov. 18 (AP)—Princess Margaret just couldn't wait to hear a zither player who sprang to fame through a British movie.

The musician—Anton Karas, 40, from Vienna—was due to open at 9:30 Wednesday night at the Empress night club. She and Sharran Douglas, daughter of United States Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas, showed up at 6 o'clock in a party of 25. The princess asked Karas to play his "Harry Lime Theme" from the picture, "The Third Man."

He did—six times.

LEGION GIVES ANSWER

Jewish Boy, 11, Attacked; Asks 'Why Did My Daddy Die?'

Lynn, Mass., Nov. 18 (AP)—"Your experience provides the answer."

That was the American Legion's reply—spoken kindly through its commander—to 11-year-old Lawrence Goldstein's heart-touching question:

"Why did my daddy die?" The puzzled little Jewish fellow put the query to his mother after he had been attacked by a group of older boys who called him "Jew," spat on him, and beat and kicked him into the gutter.

Lawrence couldn't understand why he should be so hated when his father died a war hero while serving with the 2nd armored infantry 41st division. Neither could his mother, Mrs. E. Sylvia Goldstein. She pleaded with the world yesterday, through the Lynn item, to give her the answer to the boy's question.

Commander George H. Craig gave his answer in Indianapolis Wednesday: "You have been the victim of an isolated instance of hatred," he said.

"Your experience provides the answer why your daddy died. He could not stand by and condone mass mistreatment of human beings.

"There were evil men who tried to enslave all the free people in the world. Your father went to war to prevent the wholesale destruction of human rights and freedom.

"All true Americans, whether Catholics, protestants, or Jews, fought to re-establish international law so such outrages should not go unpunished.

"Because such brave men as your father died, America today remains free and our minorities protected."

The commander told Lawrence that "the law and public opinion are on your side and that of every minority in our land who can always get relief from oppression."

In New York, Jackson J. Holtz is that party boss' don't want intelligent youngsters in the or-

Latvians to Observe Thanksgiving

The Capital Journal is in receipt of the following notice from the Latvian committee of Oregon:

"The Latvians who recently came to the United States under the D.P. bill, together with Latvians who were previously settled in Oregon are planning a meeting for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of their native Latvia.

"In speeches and song, and a cup of coffee, we will remember our country which has been suffering under the fate of the communistic Russian regime. Only free Latvians, who have been scattered among free peoples throughout the world, are privileged thus to celebrate this noteworthy occasion. For those living under the sphere of Soviet influence this will be impossible; but even they, secretly, in their hearts, will remember this day.

"We cordially invite you to join with us. This meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m., at the YMCA building at 685 Court street, Salem, Ore. Dr. Toedor Staprans, Committee Pres. Mary Udris, Sec'y."

Latvia is a small Baltic country with an area of 25,000 square miles lying between Estonia and the Gulf of Riga on the north, Lithuania and Poland on the south, Russia on the east and southeast and the Baltic sea on the west. Riga is its capital. In 1940 it had a population of about 2,000,000, what it is now is hard to ascertain for so many of its people have been deported by the Russians or have fled to foreign lands to escape Soviet purges and slavery. It is mainly an agricultural country but much of it timbered.

The inhabitants are of so-called Baltic stock with a mixture of Russians, Germans, Poles, Finns, Swedes, etc. They are Christian in religion, with the Protestants in slight majority over Catholics.

Latvia has a long and turbulent history most of the time, since the 13th century when after a long struggle it was conquered by the Germans and the Teutonic Knights who set up a federal republic, including adjacent Baltic countries, which lasted until 1560, when the various states passed under Lithuanian-Polish, or Danish rule.

Sweden annexed Lithuania in 1621, and in 1721 it was annexed by Russia and remained under Russian rule until 1917, when Russia recognized its independence as a democratic republic, and it was later so recognized by all the powers and admitted to the League of Nations in 1921. In the second World War Latvia was overrun and occupied by the Germans and later seized and annexed by Russia, extinguishing its independence.

But somehow or other, despite the oppressive rule of the foreign nobility and their virtual serfdom, the Latvians retained their love of independence and during their brief existence as a republic made remarkable progress, industrially and socially. They are an industrious, honest, moral people with high ideals and make good American citizens. We need more of them and are glad to restore to them the opportunity for freedom and initiative that they have been denied under the rule of terror that grips their native land.

'About Time, if Not Too Late'

The meeting of the American diplomats in the Far East in January will decide whether or not the white man has any future in the Orient.

This acknowledgement of the final awakening of Washington, D.C., to the perilous position of the American in the Far East finds feeble applause on the Pacific coast. "About time, if not too late," is about the only comment that can be made.

The United States has been fighting the cold war in the Orient with a "defeatist attitude," as one observer put it. The challenge of the cold war was just as great and dangerous as at Berlin when the Russians there put into force the since-destroyed blockade. But the will to win, displayed so dramatically at Berlin, was not seen in China.

To the casual observer, the fault in the cold war has been with a lack of a global strategy as was used so successfully in World War II. On the continent, the Truman doctrine and the Berlin airlift were tied together, but from outward appearances, that was about all there was to the strategy. There was no unified, world-wide plan to stand up to Russian aggression.

The meeting of the Far Eastern diplomats should be more than a consideration of the waning position of the white man in those parts. It should decide the Far Eastern phase of a global policy of the cold war.

Love Wins Out

"All the world loves a lover."

Eugene O'Neill is getting support today for that saying of his. Vice President Barkley has the country on his side, non-politically, as he marries the widow Hadley in St. Louis.

The romance of Alben Barkley of Kentucky and Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley of St. Louis, which has been building up for the past four months, has caught the nation's fancy. So when Alben and Jane took their vows, the country was wishing them well.

The dashing between Washington and Mrs. Hadley's home town in Missouri was reminiscent of a young Romeo pursuing his fair Juliet. As Pope might have said, "The adventurous lover is successful still."

Hopes Pinned on Comma in Will Which Involves Question of \$99,000

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 18 (AP)—Alfred Seigerstrom pinned his hopes today on a \$99,000 comma.

Manager of a local beer parlor, Seigerstrom was included in the will of James Thomson, millionaire hotel owner.

His share of the legacy was written in the \$900,000 will as \$1,000.00. First interpretation tagged the second comma as being meant for a decimal point.

The chief heir, Fireman Gilbert Campbell, said he remembered an unsigned copy of the will stating Seigerstrom should receive \$100,000.

No other amounts in the will contain a cents column. Thomson, an 88-year-old bachelor, died last December. His will was found yesterday in the dusty files of a real estate office.

Advertisement for Petri Burgundy wine. Text: 'It started with this... Come to our Barbecue... It went over big with this!'. Includes image of a Petri wine bottle and a barbecue sign.