

## Here's a Fellow Who's Unworried About Diets

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood (AP) — In these times when everybody and his brother are worried about diets, it's refreshing to meet a man who is fat and doesn't care.

He is Jack Leonard, 350 pounds of TV and night club comic who scoffs at other mortals who exist on yogurt and wheat germ. He snorts:

"Me eat four ponds of water cress for dinner? I'd die first!" Jack is a steak-and-cheese-cake man and in large quantities. He remains on an ample diet that sustains his 56-inch waist. Yet at 42 his blood pressure remains low, and he can keep up in a swift dance routine with Gene Nelson.

"Sure the doctors have told me to cut down the weight," he admitted. "So far I've out-lived two of them. So it may be unhealthy to be fat. All I know is that there are a lot of this people in cemeteries."

"A lot of people worry themselves to death about their weight. They go on diets that kill them. Me, I just enjoy it. When I go, it'll be a fat of me."

"I like food, that's all. Some people eat or gamble. I have no bad habits, unless it's eating. I wake up some mornings with a food hangover, the same as some people get 'em from drinking."

Leonard said he comes from a family of fat people, and they generally live to a normal 65 or so. He cited the slogan at a fat men's store where he buys some of his clothing in New York. It reads: "If everybody in the world were fat, there would be no wars."

"That's the truth," he added. "Look at me, I never get into any trouble. I can't fight and I can't run!"

Leonard, who was a star singer and knockabout dancer in his youth admitted he would be losing his trademark if he reduced.

"It's commercial," he agreed. "Besides I have an extensive wardrobe I would have to throw away. I'm a nut for clothes; I guess that's because I was too poor to buy good clothes when I was a kid. I've

got about 50 suits and they're all tailor-made of the best material. I'll pay \$50 a yard for material, and I require 5½ yards, compared to the average man's 3½."

The bulbous comic is here for his first film, "Three Sailors and a Girl." He credits TV for the job, as well as his current prosperity.

"The studio saw me play a sailor on Jane Froman's show," he explained. "They sent for the kinescope and I was hired. At a healthy stipend, I might add. I had to postpone 14 weeks of night club and theater dates to come out for the picture."

"TV has done a lot for me. I had been in the business a long time and worked up to \$1,500 a week. I might have gotten higher during the war, but I took 3½ years out to entertain troops. After two years in TV, my salary is up to \$3,500 a week."

Leonard is known on the night club circuit as the top insulter. Once he had a lethargic audience in Boston. He snapped: "If Paul Revere was riding tonight, he'd ride right through this town."

To a similar group of Philadelphians: "You haven't been paying attention, but I'll get my revenge. I'm going to solder the Liberty Bell."

In Washington, D.C., he once made a crack about using the Washington monument as a dart. This drew an irate call from a historical society. Leonard stood on his right to free speech and added:

"Besides, I'm a Lincoln man."

**Actor Dick Powell in Serious Condition**

Santa Monica, Calif. (AP) — Movie Actor Dick Powell is recuperating in St. John's Hospital after two operations, but his condition is still serious.

Powell, portrayer of detective roles and at one time a top singer in films, suffered a ruptured appendix and was operated upon, a studio representative said. Complications followed the appendectomy and further surgery became necessary.



After the Battle—Mrs. John Chambers of Baltimore holds an eleven-pound 3-ounce bonefish, largest caught in Bermuda waters this season, after 40-minute fight.

## Walker and Farmer Have Polk Salary Bill

A bill increasing salaries of some Polk county officials has been introduced in the senate by Sen. Dean Walker of Independence and Rep. Frank Farmer of Rickreall. Because of the desire of the Polk county budget board to fix permanent salaries for county officials, the salary scale proposed is based on an increase over the low salaries paid back in 1943. Approval of the increases was given by the budget committee following a public hearing.

The proposed salary scale provides the following annual salaries: County Judge from \$2,000 in 1943 to \$4,600; county commissioners from \$6 a day to \$13 a day for each day employed in transaction of county business; county treasurer, \$1,500 to \$3,300; county clerk from \$2,100

to \$4,200; sheriff \$2,400 to \$4,200; assessor, \$1,800 to \$3,600 and county school superintendent, \$1,800 to \$3,400.

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## Hold Rites for Frank Purdy

Woodburn—Frank Purdy of 961 Front St., Woodburn, who died Feb. 25 in the Silverton hospital, was born in Oshkosh, Wis., June 13, 1877, and came to Woodburn from Nebraska in 1939.

Surviving are the widow, Ludmilla, of Woodburn; two sons, Mark J. Purdy, Mt. Angel, and Arthur H. Purdy, Yamhill; a brother, Manuel A. Purdy of Primrose, Neb.; three sisters, Katherine Ray, Boise, Idaho; Ellen Woten, Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and Ethel Cox, Fullerton, Neb.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary was in St. Luke's Catholic church at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. Requiem mass was at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in St. Luke's church, followed by burial in Mt. Calvary cemetery at Mt. Angel under the direction of the Ringo funeral home.

Those from out of town attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox, Bremerton, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Jay Noakes and family, Hariston, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Harrahill and family, Mrs. Monica Kasner and family, Mrs. Ida Aylward, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Bolsk, all of Vancouver, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Val Wolf and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts, Portland;

Mrs. Evelyn Staub, San Louis Obispo, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flamme, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brain, Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. William Harrahill, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Laits and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoffer, Mr. and Mrs. Art McVeigh, Miss Nova DeRose, Silverton.

Active pallbearers were William Scott, Eugene Peltz, Oliver Kestell, Willis Meisenheimer, Felix Koffler and Richard Foltz. Honorary bearers were Harry Kestell, John Kosse, Charles Brandt, Anton Lang, Elmer Meisenheimer and William Peltz.

## Auto Theft Ring Paid Off in Dope, Claim

Los Angeles (AP)—The county grand jury has returned indictments against three men accused of operating an international auto theft ring that paid off in narcotics.

The three, Frank H. Tellez, 29; George H. Saenz, 24, and Armando Garcia, 25, were accused of conspiring to sell automobiles and of conspiring to violate state narcotic laws.

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## Holdups Take On Wrong Man

San Francisco (AP)—A punctured, but persevering Pakistani, angered and bloody from three bullet wounds, sent two would-be robbers fleeing from his apartment house last night.

Ahmed, Gee, 45, had just finished collecting his rents when two men burst into his apartment and announced it was a holdup.

Ahmed started to speak, but one of the men shot him in the shoulder with a .32 caliber revolver.

This only angered Ahmed, who rushed forward. The other

robber clubbed him with a pipe. But Ahmed came on—and another shot creased his head.

As he reached the door, the gunman—backing up now—fired a third time, hitting Ahmed in the elbow.

This time the pair had enough. They fled from the building, with Ahmed chasing them up Mission street.

A passerby spotted Ahmed's bloody condition and called an ambulance. Doctors at Mission Emergency hospital said he would recover.

The bandits got away.

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