

"It's stereo, but is it high fidelity?"



It isn't the guns which do the damage, it's the fools who have access to them

Ever since November 22, the day John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas, there has been a renewal of pressure to cut down the use of firearms by private citizens. With the renewal has come counter-pressure, largely from sportsmen, who don't want to see the use of guns curtailed. Unfortunately for the latter, too many persons aren't really aware of the limits inherent in the constitutional right to bear arms.

The Bulletin has always felt limitations in gun ownership serve little purpose. A crook or a screwball can always get a gun, if he wants it badly enough. The only persons who would suffer from severe limitations are law-abiding citizens, who would not try to get around the regulations. It's been our feeling that the gun, an inanimate object, does no damage by itself. It's only when it's in the hands of a fool, a crook, or a deranged person that it's dangerous.

But a few local events of recent weeks have been sort of shaking, to say the least.

For example: A few weeks ago a Bend area resident was standing in his yard, watching an eight-year-old youngster play in a tree. Someone fired a .22. He called to them to stop. His call was answered by five bullets, all aimed a short distance over his head. Unfortunately they were aimed near the tree in which his daughter was playing. Now he wonders about the good sense of some rifle owners.

Lyndon Johnson must watch his step

One of the nation's top political reporters said recently that nobody could defeat Lyndon Johnson next year but Lyndon Johnson.

He said that Johnson's only problem was to keep from beating himself. He didn't think the problem too formidable, especially for a man of the political talents of the new president. Still, he said, the Republicans have a chance because Johnson might slip enough to give the right opponent a semblance of opportunity.

The reporter might take a second look today. For if LBJ continues to handle his other problems the way he handled the Bobby Baker gift of a stereo set, he could be in trouble on our way of thinking.

We certainly don't accuse the president of shenanigans. But his rather folksy and simple, naive if you will, answers at a press conference last week just don't sound right.

Bobby Baker for years was Johnson's boy. Johnson was his sponsor and idol. This relationship continued over several years while Bobby Baker was secretary of the Senate. This background is important when one considers all of the various Baker activities and weighs the importance of the stereo gift to Lyndon Johnson.

Johnson had this to say about the stereo set last week: "He was

Some time later a pet dog belonging to a neighbor died, after having been gut-shot with another .22. The neighbor is unhappy, too.

Last weekend there were other incidents. A Bend area housewife and her ten-year-old son had the pleasure of watching the family's Shetland pony die. The pet of four young children had been shot, again by a .22, near their home.

An automobile parked within a mile or so of the city limits was shot five times on Saturday afternoon, also by a .22. Various other persons have reported damage to motor vehicles in recent months, most of it from .22 caliber rifles.

It would seem this sort of thing has lasted long enough.

We have no quarrel with the ownership of .22s by youngsters, nor with the 90 per cent of the owners who use them safely and properly. We do get sore at the other ten per cent of .22 owners, and their parents. There is no reason to believe the parents are along on the shooting forays. But in cases where youngsters have been apprehended, parents have been loathe to believe their sons were involved. And in no case have the parents had any real idea where the shooters were going, or at what they were going to shoot.

Must this sort of thing continue until a human being, rather than a dog, or a pony, or an auto, is filled full of holes?

an employee of the public and had no business pending before me and was asking for nothing and so far as I knew expected nothing in return any more than I did when I presented gifts to him."

This was all Johnson said. The Baker gift, his influence peddling, and his business deals were all ignored as if they never occurred. It was as if LBJ, the man who knew how to use influence and political leverage on his fellow Senators better than anybody in Washington, D.C., was oblivious to it all.

Lyndon Johnson owes the public some explanation. He couldn't have possibly been naive enough to not know of some of Baker's activities or at least suspect them.

LBJ had better be careful. If he continues to place himself above it all they'll start calling him "King" Lyndon. And that could be politically dangerous.

Quotable quotes

At present I'm ahead of all candidates in New Hampshire, not because I'm a Negro but because they've been acting like idiots. — Negro civil rights lawyer Paul B. Zuer announcing he has taken the lead over New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of five dispatches on suicide by the national reporter of United Press International. It explores the reasons why people kill themselves.)

By Harry Ferguson
UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Three-fourths of the Americans who commit suicide are men. This reflects the fact that failure in business or financial disaster are among the prime causes of why people kill themselves.

Few women take their lives because of business troubles, but many do because of ill health, family troubles and unrequited love. A man does not have to go broke to contemplate suicide, and sometimes even a severe reduction in his standard of living will cause him to consider it.

True or not, there is a widely told story about a wealthy New York man who thought he

had been wiped out in the 1929 stock market crash. He sold his Long Island estate, got rid of his town house, liquidated all of his assets and prepared to kill himself. Then he discovered he still was worth slightly more than a million dollars. After pondering the matter for a month, he decided to go on living.

The relation between business troubles and suicide is clear. During the depression that followed the 1929 crash the suicide rate per 100,000 population shot up to 17.4. Once recovery set in, the rate dropped back to between 10 and 11 where it is today.

Marriage is Bulwark
A happy marriage definitely is a bulwark against suicide. For both men and women the suicide rate is highest among divorced persons. Next come widows and widowers, then single persons and finally those who are married.

But getting down to the basic

reasons why people kill themselves is a baffling problem for scientists. Only about 35 per cent of those who commit suicide leave notes giving reasons for their action. Some of the reasons are so trivial as to be almost unbelievable.

A teen-age girl killed herself because she bobbed her hair and then didn't like the result. A middle aged woman killed herself because she missed two trains. A boy hanged himself when his canary died. A man forced to give up golf shot himself. Scientists attempt to explain these acts by saying that all of us at some time in our lives—maybe only for a fleeting instant—consider suicide. If we yield in that moment, any trivial thing seems justification for the act.

Then the experts talk about the "death wish," a strong urge for self destruction. Louis J. Bragman writes that the late Harry Houdini, the famous escape artist, unconsciously

wanted to die and that all his stunts "represented a form of pseudo-suicide." If the hypothesis is correct, every time Houdini allowed himself to be buried alive or thrown into a river in a locked trunk, he was nursing an unconscious hope that he would die. His trouble was stronger than the death wish, and he always came out alive.

Attempt to Avenge

Dr. Karl Menninger notes that some suicides are attempting to avenge themselves on somebody. He cites the case of a Chicago man who killed himself and left this note: "I have given all I have to the brokers on the street this morning." The man was trying to transfer the blame for his own financial ruin to the shoulders of his broker. Then Menninger tells of a Philadelphia man who took more direct action. He committed suicide but before he did so he killed his stock broker. Experts admit that the au-

thentic motives for suicide are largely in unexplored country and that much more research must be done before any facts can be stated positively.

The motive that is easiest for the average person to comprehend is the man who commits suicide because he is the victim of a painful disease for which there is no cure. Prof. Percy W. Bridgman, a brilliant Harvard physicist, evoked much public sympathy when he shot himself at the age of 79 because he was suffering from cancer. He left this note: "It is not decent to make a man do this to himself. Probably this is the last day I shall be able to do it myself."

People do occasionally kill themselves for love, but apparently not nearly so often as the poets and playwrights would have us believe.

Next: The ones who try suicide and fail.

Washington Merry-go-round

Humphrey jests that LBJ is slighting him in VP race

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — President Johnson was walking into the White House conference room where congressional leaders awaited him, when he spotted his press secretary, Pierre Salinger.

"Pierre," said Johnson accusingly, "you are beginning to look like a candidate. So many pictures of you have appeared in the papers that it looks as if you are running for vice president."

This brought a mock protest from Sen. Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., who charged that the White House was favoring other vice presidential candidates over him, Humphrey. It had assumed the proportions of a conspiracy, he said.

"Sargent Shriver (Peace Corps director) has taken a message from you to the Pope," Humphrey reminded the President. "Bobby Kennedy (Attorney General) has been dispatched to the Far East to save the peace."

Humphrey went on to enumerate what the White House has done to glorify the whole list of vice presidential prospects, winding up plaintively: "What have you done for Humphrey?"

Suddenly the senator's face brightened. He noted that the President's teen-age daughter, Lynda Bird, was transferring from the University of Texas to George Washington University.

"Who," he asked hopefully, "is going to register Lynda Bird at George Washington? Do you mind if I volunteer?"

"Humphrey," replied the President, "you have got jobs for so many Minnesotans you have practically occupied the government."

Johnson ticked off the names

of a dozen Minnesotans in the federal service, from Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman to Carol Rowan, the new U.S. Information chief.

"All I have to do is mention a job," the President told Humphrey, "and you have four people for it."

On this note, the kidding ended and the serious session began.

Four Good Samaritans

All too often, the press reports the bad deeds but not the good deeds of public officials. This column has just learned of a quiet good deed that four Illinois congressmen have been keeping to themselves since Christmas.

During the great rush to get home for Christmas, the four congressmen were about to board their flight to Chicago when they noticed four GIs who had been unable to get seats.

Though it upset their own Christmas plans, the congressmen gave up their seats so the four GIs could get home on time.

The four good Samaritans, who sought no credit for their kindness, are: Congressmen Harold Collier, Edward Derwinski, Robert Michel, and Donald Rumsfeld, all Illinois Republicans.

Inside the Kremlin

According to confidential cables from Moscow and Havana, there was more than got into the newspapers about that meeting between Fidel Castro and Nikita Khrushchev.

On the surface, everything was harmony. But behind the closed doors of the Kremlin, it was stormy.

Khrushchev made it clear to his bearded comrade that the Cuban economy would have to pick up or more Russian aid would not be forthcoming. The sugar crop has fallen to its lowest level in history and although Castro blames this on the hurricane, inefficiency is part of the reason.

Cuba's gross national product has dropped 25 per cent and food rationing has reduced the Cuban diet between 15 and 25 per cent. All this since Castro took over.

Khrushchev is reported to have sounded somewhat like the lectures which the State Department has been giving Korean leaders and others receiving American aid when he talked to Castro.

Khrushchev is also reported to have warned Castro not to tangle with the United States or cause any complications which might endanger American-Soviet relations. This probably accounted for the statement Castro made in Moscow that he wanted to resume friendly relations with the USA. Moscow newspapers have continued to bury the story of Panama on the inside pages and latterly have not printed it at all. Aside from one irritated blast from Khrushchev regarding Panama, there's been no Kremlin disposition to goad the United States over its Panamanian headaches.

Note: Friendly diplomats inside Cuba report that more and more Cuban leaders are getting fed up with Castro, including President DORTICOS himself. It's reported that many Cuban officials previously pro-Castro would be delighted if they could persuade their bearded leader to retire to Mexico or Brazil and write his memoirs.

Another Saturn try is readied

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) — Tired technicians today readied a giant Saturn super rocket for another attempt Wednesday at orbiting the world's heaviest satellite.

The shot, to boost 19 tons into orbit, was halted Monday with all but 100 minutes of the 11-hour countdown complete because of "human error."

Someone forgot to pull a plug from a pipe feeding liquid oxygen to the 1.5-million pound thrust first stage.

"There's no question about it, this was a human error," said Saturn Project Director Rocco Petrone. "There can be mistakes. We're all human."

Petrone said the plug was placed in the 3-inch pipe leading to the rocket from a ground tank for a pressure test several days ago.

The stopper should have been removed after the test but was not.

Barbs

Why do little kids take the wrapper off a lollipop, take a couple of licks and put it down on new seat covers?

There should be "No Parking" signs in the middle of department store aisles.



Pro basketball players are always sure to get a run for their money.

It isn't dangerous to drop in on your butcher and chew the fat even if you have gall bladder trouble.

Suicide in United States (2)

Failure in business, financial disaster are among prime causes of suicide

Capital Report

Social reformers apparently to lose out on Medicare for aged during this session

By A. Robert Smith

Bulletin Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The House has concluded public hearings on medicare for the aged with the doctors apparently enjoying a position of dominance over the social reformers by a few key votes.

The Ways and Means Committee is reported to be split on the administration's health bill, with about 14 congressmen opposing medicare and about 11 favoring it. No actual committee votes have been taken on this question yet, but this is an approximation of the strength of the two sides.

Actually, there are more than two sides to this issue, based on testimony received by the committee.

There is the position advanced by the late President Kennedy and continued by President Johnson for paying the hospital bills of all persons 65 or older if they are eligible for Social Security. Originally, the administration had wanted the medicare bill to cover doctor bills for surgery or other treatment in a hospital. But this lat-

ter feature was deleted because of the heated opposition of the organized medical profession through the American Medical Association and its state affiliates. But the AMA is still fighting the bill harder than any other organization, even though doctors would not be affected by the pending bill.

Then there is the position taken by a group of liberal Republicans, led by Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, and a former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Eisenhower cabinet. They advocate Social Security coverage for hospitalization, as in the medicare bill, but an accompanying plan for private insurance coverage of doctor bills. Both are needed, Flemming testified, and neither will do the job alone.

Then there is the status quo position, advocated by the AMA and embraced by many conservatives of both parties on the committee. As Dr. Edward K. Rosenbaum of the Oregon Medical Association put it to the committee, "we oppose H.R. 3929 because, in the state of Oregon, there has been no dem-

onstration of need."

"The improvement and increasing availability of voluntary health insurance plans for the aged must likewise be given utmost recognition," Dr. Rosenbaum contended. "This type of protection is now carried by 60 per cent of the over-65 and represents an increase of 20 per cent during the past two years. It is estimated that 105,000 over-65 in Oregon are covered by such plans. At the insistence of the Oregon Medical Association our own Blue Shield plan, Oregon Physicians' Service, enrolls approximately 12,000 of our state's senior citizens."

The doctors also point to the existing Kerr-Mills act as protection for those who are too poor to buy private medical insurance. Under this act, passed by Congress several years ago as an alternative to the broader Social Security medicare plan, the federal government gives the states funds each year to help pay medical costs for poorer citizens. In Oregon, the last legislature set the eligibility ceiling at \$2500 annual income for a married couple or \$1750 for a single person. Those eligible can get up to 14 days of hospital care with all bills paid, and up to \$500 a year in surgical expenses is allowed.

From 1961 to 1963, Dr. Rosenbaum said 12,500 persons in Oregon applied for help under Kerr-Mills, and 9368 of them were declared eligible. Of these, he said only 4372 needed and received care at a cost of just under \$1 million.

Dr. Flemming and the advocates of Social Security medicare have no quarrel with Kerr-Mills as such because it covers those who are dependent on public assistance. He thinks medicare is needed also to "help the aged to avoid dependency."

"An adequate health insurance program is a 'must' if many of those who constitute our aged population are to maintain their independence," Flemming said.

Organized labor has pitched in to help the advocates of medicare line up votes, and President Johnson has promised to fight for his bill. But they must contend with a stranglehold by conservative opponents led by the medical profession.

My Nickel's Worth

"When men differ in opinion, both sides ought equally to have the advantage of being heard by the public." — Benjamin Franklin.

Leave tobacco alone, is advice of writer

To the Editor:

I am nearing my seventieth birthday, and it will take more than a mere statement by your correspondent of The Seattle Argus to make me believe that cigar smoking is good for one. There is more to it than just a dry taste in the mouth of the smoker, as you shall see from the story I am about to relate.

I had a younger brother in World War I who told me this story: "I was in the hospital corps all during that war. There was a young man amongst our patients whose wounds would not heal."

"One of the doctors came to me one day and said, 'Mr. Huntington you know why Mr. — is not getting well?' Well, it is his cigar smoking. He will never get well if we don't get him to cut down on his smoking."

"Well, why don't you tell him, you are his doctor?"

"I fear I can't get him to do it. You see I smoke myself."

"I saw his point and promised to try and see what I could do with him, so I did."

"He began to heal almost immediately and within weeks he sailed for New York and home."

So is not Uncle Sam responsible, to some extent, for the morals of his boys? Are we not

LEAVES TEMPORARY JOB

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI) — A. E. (Gus) Gram retires Friday from the "temporary" job he took 36 years ago.

Gram, who joined the Long Beach Marine Exchange in May of 1927 in a temporary position as a lookout, most recently had been assistant manager in charge of the lookout station at nearby San Pedro.

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