

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Louis Zoni of Eveleth, Minn., doesn't like to consider himself as handicapped.



Louis, now 46, was born by an accident of birth with what is called cerebral palsy. A disease for which there is no known cure. But the affable Louis has come further on the way to recovery than most victims of this affliction. He was here recently as a delegate to the United Cerebral Palsy Association meeting. Louis was a ball of fire. He spoke. He walked, with the help of the cane, and he told about what he has done for other victims he knows in Minnesota.

Once Helpless

For a long time he was helpless. Then he got his back up. Louis Zoni was not one to watch the world go by without pushing the world a little. So he went to the medics. They performed five corrective operations, on the nerves in the arms and legs.

His best friend during his "recovery" period was Col. John Hougren, who is retired from the Pentagon staff and is former president of the Crippled Children's Association of Minnesota.

Louis went through all sorts of things. Gymnastics, whiplow sessions, therapy and surgery.

And then this man, who couldn't lift a bottle of milk to feed himself when he was five years old, decided to do something for other kids afflicted with palsy.

That was in 1941. Harold E. Stassen was governor of Minnesota at the time. The head man was on Louis Zoni's side. He gave him his blessing and urged the Junior Chamber of Commerce to get behind this young man. The chamber did.

The program went on from there. It is going on still.

During our interview, Zoni hesitated a few times in his speech, but mostly he could be understood without difficulty.

Through his efforts Louis has collected uncounted thousands of dollars for his cause in Minne-

sota and the idea is spreading. "In Duluth," Louis told me, "in six hours on a program we collected \$10,500. All of that money goes to help other victims of palsy. In Minneapolis, we picked up \$240,000 in 16 hours. We are going places."

Louis has the will to get ahead. He is one of the few palsy victims to have a college degree.

"I got it," he said, "but without honors. Point is I got it. Others can, if they will concentrate, and cooperate in our training."

Louis is married to a lovely girl, Helen. They have a nice little fellow, David, 6.

Conductors' Added Responsibility Told

Chicago — (U.P.) — A labor economist for the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen said train conductors have an added responsibility because locomotives are heavier than they used to be.

Eli Oliver, Washington, appeared yesterday before a presidential fact finding board which is hearing a dispute between the nation's railroads and the union.

The union has demanded a graduated rate of pay depending upon the weight of the locomotive with the present wage serving as a minimum.

A railroad representative said the demand was a "thinly disguised" demand for a wage boost and that the carriers could not afford to pay it.

KIESLING GETS PACT

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — With a vote of confidence in the form of a new two-year coaching contract stuffed in his ample pockets, big Walter Kiesling primed his Pittsburgh Steelers for their final game against Cleveland Sunday hoping to repeat an earlier 55-27 defeat of the Browns. Big Kies, termed a miracle man after he took over from Coach Joe Bach last August, inked a new two-year contract with Steeler owner Art Rooney Tuesday at a reported \$12,000 per year. Bach resigned as head coach after the Steelers absorbed their third straight exhibition defeat.



Photo by Gertrude Samuels, The New York Times

This mother and child in Southern Vietnam, refugees from the communist north, are typical of the hungry families you can feed this Christmas by contributing \$1 to CARE.

Each dollar you give covers overseas distribution costs on two CARE food packages containing a total of 28 lbs. of U.S. farm surplus which have been waiting in storage. Two families who need that food badly will thus each receive a 14-lb. CARE food package, bearing your own name and address.

There are 1,227,500 of these CARE holiday packages for that many needy families in 31 European, Latin American and Asian countries, including Vietnam. The U. S. Government released the food from stocks not needed for U. S. welfare programs.

All donations sent to "CARE Food Crusade, 660 First Ave. New York 16, N.Y.," or any local CARE office, will be acknowledged. Donors of \$5 or more will also receive receipts signed by the recipients of each package they subscribe.

Hyperventilation Could Be Fatal for Jet Pilots

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — Suffering from dizzy spells due to hyperventilation? Chances are it won't be fatal—unless you're a jet pilot.

Hyperventilation is a comparatively new medical term. It affects many people. But fortunately, the medical profession won't have to come up with a new drug to combat it. All doctors have to do is get the patient to breathe properly.

Hyperventilation is the term used by the medical profession to indicate a person is breathing too deeply and losing carbon dioxide too fast. That usually isn't anything to worry about, unless the deep breathing is prolonged.

But in jet pilots, it's different. Fractions of a second often means the difference between life and death. And by breathing too deeply during anxious moments, a pilot can induce a slight dizziness.

That's what the School of Aviation Medicine has discovered. Col. William H. Lawton, surgeon of the Flying Training Air Force, recently asked the school to look into the connection between hyperventilation and impaired performance of jet pilots.

The school, under direction of Dr. Robert T. Clark Jr., devised a transparent box, about the size of a portable radio, to measure the amount of oxygen and carbon dioxide with the performance of a student pilot in tense situations.

Tests also will be made with pilots at Webb and Big Spring Air Bases, both in Texas.

Resume Normal Breathing
The average person who suffers from hyperventilation needn't worry much. About all he has to do is to resume normal breathing when he finds that anxiety has caused him to breathe unnaturally, inducing dizziness.

A person suffering from hyperventilation may have a tingling sensation in the fingers, slightly fogged vision and poor coordination. His breast will probably heave like that of an old-time movie vamp.

According to Air Force studies, the best and quickest cure is to stop worrying and resume normal breathing. It's that simple.

Gail Russell Given Delay in Drunk Case

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film actress Gail Russell has been granted a delay in her trial on drunk driving charges because she is reported too ill to attend a court hearing.

Municipal Judge Thurlow T. Taft yesterday postponed the trial in nearby Santa Monica until Feb. 21. The actress is confined to Good Samaritan hospital with hepatitis, a form of jaundice.

Dr. John Howard Payne testified Miss Russell entered the hospital during October in a coma and near death. Judge Taft granted the continuance reluctantly, saying the actress "has been stalling for a long time."

Miss Russell, former wife of actor Guy Madison, was arrested in Santa Monica Nov. 24, 1953, fined \$150 and given two years' probation.

She was sentenced at that time after pleading guilty to intoxication, the companion charge of drunk driving, both of which were filed against her following her early morning arrest.

Defense Test 'Moves' 150,000 Portlanders

Boise — (U.P.) — About 150,000 evacuees from the Portland area would be in Idaho today, had the western civil defense exercise yesterday been the real thing.

Findingshelter for the evacuees and providing other support for the Pacific Northwest were just a few of the problems that confronted Idaho civil defense officials during the simulated enemy air attack on the West Coast.

Lt. Col. John Mamerow, state civil defense director, said the test appeared to have functioned smoothly, with only the "usual amount of confusion with communications."

Scarborough, Me. — (U.P.) — Wednesday, December 8, 1954

There isn't a single full-time police officer in this southern Maine town, but police work is the most popular summer occupation. About 40 men are hired each summer as special officers to police beaches, theaters and Maine's only running horse track, Scarborough Downs.

BIBLE SELLERS ABUSIVE

Dubuque, Iowa — (U.P.) — Police today held three peddlers after residents complained they used "highly abusive" languages and forced their way into homes. The peddlers were selling Bibles.

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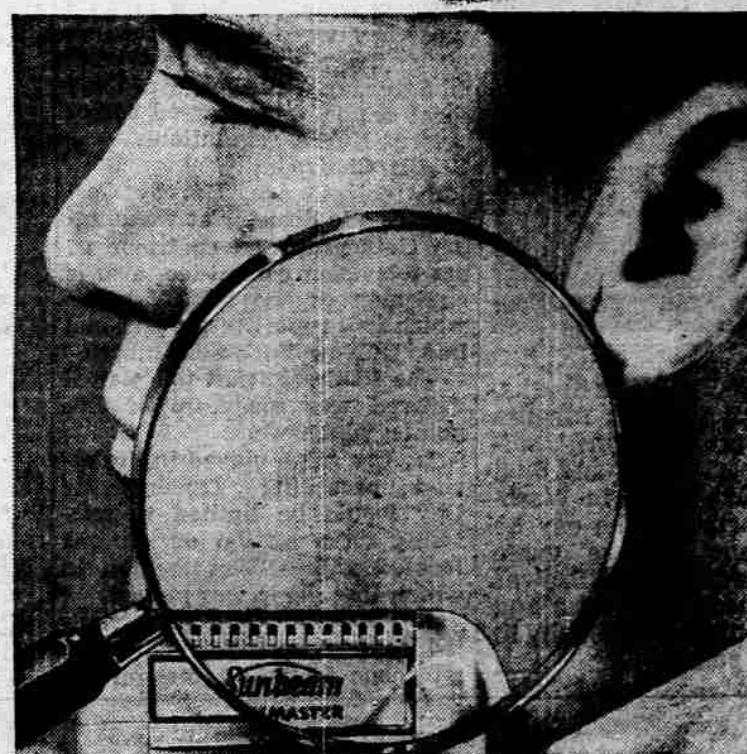


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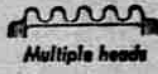
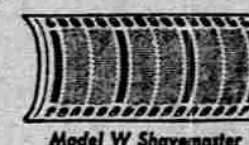
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