



CALIFORNIA GET TOGETHER—Vice President Richard Nixon greets two visitors "from home" as San Francisco News speller Judy Morrison (left) of San Mateo and Carol Crosswhite, sponsored by the Long Beach Independent and Press-Telegram, visited the capitol. The two young Californians are competing in the National Spelling Bee.

Several Thousand Oregon Youth Eye Work Possibilities

Salem—(U.P.)—Oregon employers soon will have available several thousand young workers adequately tested for many lines of activity, according to the State Unemployment Service.

Reports from employment offices all over Oregon indicate nearly 16,000 persons will graduate from high schools in the next few weeks and a good proportion of them will be looking for permanent jobs.

With the aid of the general aptitude test battery now installed in practically all 26 local offices of the employment service, these graduates are discovering a scientific basis for evaluating their abilities. The service is conducted by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

"The test battery is nationally recognized and has proved highly successful in picking the field of work in which a person is likely to be efficient," Earl R. Lovell, state employment director, said. "Over the past few years we have extended the use of this method until most of those entering the general labor market now are covered."

'Commie' Border Guards Fire on Berlin Taxicab

Berlin — (U.P.) — Communist border guards fired on a West Berlin taxi yesterday and East Germany further tightened its "baby blockade" on the western half of this divided city deep in Red territory.

Red police pegged seven shots at the taxi as it drove along a border road on the boundary of Berlin and the Soviet zone of Germany. Western police reported no one injured.

BIBLE BAIL

East Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — Salesman David F. Mulcahy, 50, of Yonkers, N. Y., failed to appear in police court on a traffic charge and forfeited the bond. Mulcahy had left seven Bibles, valued at \$150, as bail.

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On The Side

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Retirement from business by a man in his middle 50s is likely to shorten his life. So it is frequently claimed. That doesn't go for men with hobbies that keep their minds active. Izaak Walton, London businessman, retired at 50. He enjoyed 40 years of leisure, not passing on until his 90th year. As you know, Walton's hobby was fishing. The first edition of his classic "The Compleat Angler" was published when he was 60. He wrote a fifth edition when 83.

Asides

According to the color psychology experts the color with the least sex appeal is orange. That with the most sex appeal is pink. A highway sign I always remember is one I saw at a very sharp turn on a New England highway. It read: "Prepare to meet thy God." That sign nearly always slowed the speedier motorists down. In 1943 Soviet Russia issued a stamp that had on it a group picture of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. That should be a collector's item.

Almost Confidential

The first bank I was ever in was the Irish Emigrants Savings Bank in New York City. Went there with my mother. They paid 6 per cent on savings accounts in those days. Women between the ages of 30 and 39 who already have four or more children are most likely to have twins. The chances are increased if married to a man of Irish birth or descent.

Missing Persons

One of the world's most efficient missing persons bureaus is conducted by the Salvation Army at its headquarters in London, England. This bureau has connections everywhere in the world except behind the Iron Curtain. It has the remarkable record of finding 66 per cent of the missing persons it has received inquiries about.

Please Note

Have noted it said eating corn on the cob is the "No. 2 test" for lipstick guaranteed not to come off. Wonder what the No. 1 test is? In the matter of all-star casts the "Ziegfeld Follies of 1915" is hard to top. This cast included Ina Claire, Ed Wynn, W. C. Fields, Leon Errol, Fannie Brice, Mae Murray, Ann Pennington, Kay Laurell, Olive Thomas and Justine Johnstone.

Over There

All the floors at the recently

constructed Hotel Leofrie in Coventry, England, have a different color scheme of decoration. There are red, pink, green and yellow floors. The linen used on each floor matches that floor's color scheme. Another interesting innovation at this hostelry is that every bathroom has a special drying rack for nylons so feminine guests won't irritate their husbands by hanging their stockings on the shower bath curtain rack.

Absence

Discussing the question as to whether absence makes the heart grow fonder or that an "out of sight, out of mind" situation prevails in most cases, La Rochefoucauld said, "absence abates a moderate passion and intensifies a great one—as the wind blows out a candle but fans fire into a flame."

Briefly

Why is "Happy Birthday to You" nearly always warbled at birthday parties? There are other good birthday songs. For example, "Many Happy Returns of the Day" by Theresa Del Riego. What is the best age for marriage? It was Hesiod who advised men as follows, "Marry in the springtime of your life. Neither much above nor below the age of 30. Your bride should be in her 19th year." Am informed three career girls of Manhattan, who share an apartment, had a contest to see who could get dressed to go to work the quickest. The winner did it in 4 minutes, 15 seconds.

NOT TO BE LOADED

Annapolis, Md. — (U.P.) — It's illegal for a hunter in Maryland to carry a loaded gun when he is "loaded." Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin recently signed into law a general assembly bill forbidding an intoxicated hunter from carrying a loaded firearm.

Administration's Handling of Vaccine May Be Political Issue

Washington—(U.P.)—The possibility that the administration's handling of Salk polio vaccine could become a real and blazing political issue in next year's presidential campaign is something politicians are just beginning to sense.

There have been some rumblings in Congress topped off by the angry demand of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) that Secretary Oveta Culp Hobby be removed from the cabinet. President Eisenhower was angry when he rejected Morse's idea in Wednesday's news conference. He told the reporters that Mrs. Hobby was an uncommonly capable woman with an outstanding record of business, government and military administration.

More To Come

But the discussion will not end there. There was a hint of more to come in the carefully chosen and brief comment by Adlai E. Stevenson when he returned Wednesday to Chicago from his African tour. He was asked for comment on the administration's handling of the vaccine program.

"I was astounded to hear that they (the administration) knew all about it and had no preparations for it," Stevenson replied and refused further comment. The implication of Stevenson's remark is a serious charge that the administration fumbled badly. But his criticism was indirect, implied, only.

The brevity of Stevenson's

statement is sufficient evidence that the Democratic man of the year in 1952 and, perhaps 1956, is not yet sure in his own mind. He is not sure he could avoid a backfire if he made a firm political issue of the handling of the Salk vaccine. The health of children is an anxious thing. Stevenson is a more cautious man than Morse, by large measure.

Parents' Ultimate Attitude

What politicians of both parties will want to see is the ultimate attitude of parents toward a monumental effort, which so far has had its ups and downs, to curb the disease which preys so particularly on little children. The election and the presidential

campaign are a long way off, mostly beyond the 1956 polio season. The administration's handling of the program will be in good perspective by then, the effectiveness of the over-all effort will have been put to severe although not complete test. The

minds of mothers and dads will have arrived at whatever their conclusions are to be.

It would not be fair to say that anyone, Democrat or not, would welcome the vaccine program as a political issue because it would not become such unless it developed serious faults. But, if the faults do develop and the parents so find, the political issue of the Salk polio vaccine program could be deadly to Mr. Eisenhower and his party.

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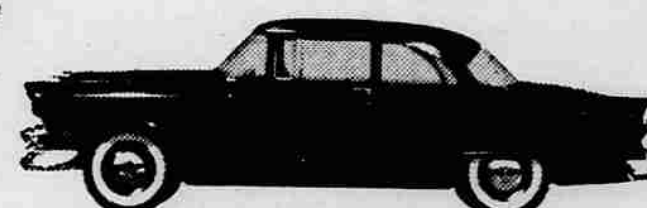
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