



LATEST SUBJECT of gossip by London papers in connection with Princess Margaret's activities is the Rev. Simon Phipps, 34, with whom she had tea in his quarters at Trinity College where he is serving as chaplain. (International)

Around Hollywood

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Hollywood — (U.P.) — One of the annual false alarms of show business is that the Marx Brothers will work together again but Chico hopes it actually will happen on TV this year.

The three famous comedians all are working on an NBC spectacular Jan. 29, "The Beverly Hills Story" — but they appear in separate bits, not together.

But Chico revealed today the team may yet reunite during 1956 in a color spectacular based on their famous movie hit, "Animal Crackers."

Chico Tells Possibility

The oldest of the Marx Brothers announced this hope as he sat on the living room couch of his small Brentwood home. He's lived alone for the past 20 years since he and his wife separated.

"This is nothing," frowned Chico with a flip of his hand at the script for the Jan. 20 "spec."

"Why, I don't even play the piano. This one line here—this is my biggest scene. But we're talking about 'Animal Crackers' for 1½ hours," he said. "The music was good, the jokes up to date, only the costumes would have to be changed. It wouldn't be tough. We even remember the episodes."

The Marx clan hasn't performed together for nine years. Pictures Become Boring

"We just got tired of making pictures, it got boring. Not to me, but to Groucho. Harpo was non-committal," Chico said.

Since then Chico, the brother who wears a peaked cap and speaks with an Italian accent, conducted his own band for two years. He and Harpo also toured nightclubs together while Groucho soared to new success on his "You Bet Your Life" TV-radio program.

The sad note about the end of the Marx team is that the era of teams apparently is over. The only new group today is Martin and Lewis, if they survive their various arguments.

L. A. Train Wreck Recalls Washington Rail Disaster

Seattle — (U.P.) — The train wreck that took 29 lives in Los Angeles Sunday brought to mind the third worst railroad disaster in the nation's history. It occurred in the state of Washington March 1, 1910 at Wellington.

You won't find Wellington on the map anymore. The tiny town and two trains were swept into a canyon 1,000 feet deep by a gigantic avalanche. The death toll was 96.

Built on Shelf

Wellington was built on a shelf 200 feet wide at the west mouth of the Great Northern tunnel in the Cascades. It was flanked by steep cliffs 3,000 feet high on one side and the deep canyon on the other. It was near what is now known as Scenic.

Slides had been plaguing the Great Northern line for several days and passenger train No. 25 and fast mail No. 26 had been stranded in Wellington for a week. The engineer of the passenger train moved his train into the tunnel as a precaution, but the passengers talked him and the conductor into moving out for the purpose of making a run out of the mountains. Then new slides occurred and the trains were blocked again.

Avalanche Loosened

Suddenly, in the middle of the night, during a terrific electrical storm the tremendous avalanche swept down the mountain-side with a roar that could be heard for miles. Telegraph lines were swept away and first word of the disaster came many hours later from John Wentzel of Wellington, who snowshoed 10 miles to Skykomish. Rescuers found most of the dead buried under 40 feet of snow.

Patterson Supports Water Resources Board

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Water Resources Board had the backing of Gov. Paul Patterson today in its request that federal agencies expedite flood control surveys on three southwestern Oregon rivers.

The three streams are the Rogue, Umpqua and Coquille.

Disarmament Talks In London Possible

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.) — United Nations diplomats yesterday expected the world's five major atomic powers to agree to resume private disarmament talks in London next March.

The U.N. Disarmament Commission met Monday to constitute the United States, Great Britain, France, Canada and the Soviet Union as a subcommittee to explore disarmament proposals with special emphasis on President Eisenhower's "open sky" aerial inspection plan.

Almost one-half of all the elementary schools in the U.S. are still of the one-room variety, but in the last year, they had only five per cent of the total grade school enrollment.

Negroes comprised 20 per cent of the total U. S. population in 1900, but only a few years later the total had shrunk to less than 10 per cent of the total, the census revealed.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington — (U.P.) — What's new in Washington?

The Continental Hotel near the Capitol has a nickel apple vending machine in the lobby. It seems a lot of congressmen and senators like apples.



A bunch of singers, sponsored by RCA Victor, have been touring this part of the country in the interest of the March of Dimes. The other night they got a little bored by their own company and kicked up a poker game on their way to Washington, using their own money, of course.

Crooner Eddie Fisher wound up a \$2200 winner. He pulled out at Pittsburgh to fill an engagement, plunked down a small pile of his loot at the station for all available copies of two books. One was "Prospecting for Uranium." The other was "How to Play Poker."

He scattered the books all over the train and fled.

His fellow warblers say Eddie turned the rest of his profits to help the kids who are hurting from polio.

Rep. Sidney R. Yates, the Democrat from Illinois, recalls this story about President Cleveland in his newsletter. It seems that when Cleveland's second child was born, the doctor asked the big man to fetch a scale to weigh the infant. Cleveland couldn't find one at first but finally remembered an old thing in his cellar he had used to weigh fish he had caught. The doc put the baby aboard and found it "weighed" 25 pounds.

Norman E. Brown, manager of the radio station at Walter Reed hospital, went home a little early because he was coming down with a bug. He fell upon his couch, removed his partial dental plate, and had himself a nap. When he awoke, he found the teeth all over the floor. His hound dog, Muffin, had gotten a little too curious.

Rep. H. R. Gross, the Republican from Waterloo, Iowa, claims there is a new tractor under construction which has no seat. He says it is about to go on the market "at a reduced price." The Iowa lawmaker says that he "understands it will be called the Benson and is designed for farmers who lost their pants on farm prices last fall."

An elevator operator who runs the lift for the press in the House side of the Capitol bawled out a new scribe the other day for pitching a match on the floor. "Watch that, bub," said the man on the car. "Reporters don't like that sort of thing." The operator apparently never had been in a city room.

Decision Postponed on Mental Hospital Site

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control has postponed decision on a site for the \$14,000,000 mental hospital to be built in the Portland area because of fear that proposed location of an Army-Navy jet plane base somewhere between Salem and Portland might place either of the two proposed Wilsonville sites in the flyway of such a base.

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor-singer Dean Martin and his wife have announced that a reconciliation attempt after their four-month separation has failed.

March of Dimes Coming Events

Events scheduled throughout Jackson county in the next few days to raise March of Dimes funds for the fight against polio include the following:

Tonight—Square dance sponsored by Jackson County square dance association at YMCA, 9 p.m. Policemen vs. Firemen basketball game at Medford high school, preliminary Yellow Cab vs. Hawkinson's, 7:30 p.m. Crater Lions club auction KBES-TV, 9:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 — Radio auction, at KWIN, Ashland.

Jan. 27 — Radio Auction, KWIN, Ashland. Yoggi Hussane and Texas wrestling, with lady referees, 8:30 p.m., Ashland junior high gym, sponsored by Ashland Lions club. Phoenix Lady Lions dance at Community clubhouse. Music by Melody Wranglers. Local talent show at intermission. Modern dance at Rogue River. Baked food sale by Crater high school students.

Jan. 28—Dance, entertainment at Rogue River VFW hall, 9 p.m. Square dance, Legion hall, Central Point. Lions club dance, City hall, Talent, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Merchant's breakfast, Legion hall, Central Point, 7 a.m. Central Mile of Dimes by Crater high school students. Breakfast and broom sale sponsored by Ashland Lions club at Lithia hotel, all day. Carnival, Jacksonville Community hall, 7:30 p.m. Modern dance, Prospect Community hall, music by Jimmy Letterman band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Teen-age dance at Medford YMCA, sponsored by Medford high school junior class, music by Bob Ayers sextet, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Father-son basketball game, other sports events, Griffin Creek school, 7:30 p.m.

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