

AVOIDING UPRAISED ARM of Southern Methodist player, Harold Perry (23), University of San Francisco, starts leap toward basket and another two points. Dons down Mustangs, 86-68, to enter finals of N. C. A. A. tourney in Evanston, Ill. (International)

### Russell Named Player of Year

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — All-America center Bill Russell of San Francisco has been named college basketball player of the year for the second straight season by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Russell was honored for leading San Francisco to its second straight national championship while stretching its victory string to 55 consecutive games. Only three other players have been named player of the year for two straight seasons by the foundation. They are George Mikan of De Paul in 1945-46, George Glamack of North Carolina in 1940-41 and Angelo Hank Luisetti of Stanford in 1937-38.

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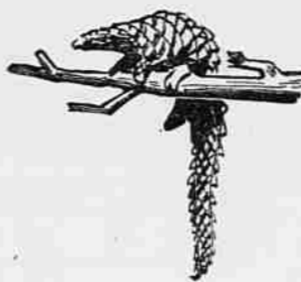
## Is That So?

By Eugene Burns  
Ranger-Naturalist

Hong Kong, with Japan Air Lines—What Diamond Head is to Honolulu, Vesuvius to Naples, Gibraltar to Spain, Victoria peak is to this British colony of Hong Kong. (Can you guess which of these is 3,858 feet, 1,809, 1,396 and 761 feet in elevation?)

To catch the first sunset, I went on the funicular up Victoria's side. Many claim the reward is one of the most spectacular views in the world. Who could disagree?

As the brilliant sunset faded, lifting from the smooth harbor and out of the many island tops, lights came on: first, it seemed on the many ferries interweav-



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ing between this island of Hong Kong to Kowloon peninsula; then the ships lighted; finally the streets, and then the homes. The many-colored neon lights were striking — yet something seemed missing, and then you knew: unlike those which play on the Ginza in Tokyo, these neon lights are unmoving.

Distance tones down the glare of the lights—and they look like a brilliant scattering of jewels. All the buildings you look at are less than 100 years old. That is because a hundred years ago, the population was less than 5,000—living in dingy huts. Today Hong Kong is a modern city with a population greater than Philadelphia's, 2,750,000. Many are refugees from Red China—they have given up most of their worldly goods to hold tight to something more precious, personal freedom.

Hong Kong is a city that ships built—it was ceded by China to England in 1841 and became a free port. It is still a shipping city; in fact, today it depends upon ships to bring it bread and butter. Pottery and stone unearthed in Hong Kong confirm that the city was inhabited about 3,000 years ago. In Chinese, Hong Kong means fragrant harbor. Running Water Unlimited

Water is scarce: due to overcrowding running water is obtainable in my hotel, the Peninsula, from 5-7 p.m. only. There are thousands of junks mostly with russet-colored sails made up of old flour bags, bits of sacking, ordinary blue coolie cloth. Patches on patches. Many are the uses of these junks: for lightering, for fishing, for fetching provisions from adjacent islands or the mainland; but many are shore-based, the permanent homes of large families who carry their possession with them and eat and sleep within the narrow confines among chickens, pots, ropes, etc. The small children of these "water squatters" seem to get their sea-legs almost before they can walk, and have a paddle in their hands soon after. They seldom cry. Smiles are frequent.

About once a month, junk owners clean down the hull and burn grass under it to destroy the toredo worm, a devastating tropical borer which drills a hole about the size of a .303 bullet even though the wood be teak. Hong Kong's climate, not unlike Honolulu's, is best from September through March; the rainy season is mainly from May through July; the warmest, humid months from June through August. It is near the Tropic of Cancer—almost at the same latitude as Havana, Honolulu, Calcutta, and Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Downpours Damaging Typhoons — giant twisters with incredible violence — develop in the tropical Pacific almost the year 'round, but they usually strike the South China coast between June and November, mostly September. Winds may reach 110-mile an hour velocities; but it is usually the torrential downpours which do the most damage.

Now in spring, while the northward migration is on, it is possible when beginning at dawn's first blush to count upwards of 50 varieties of birds, many singers. In the valleys, it is not unusual to see porcupine and barking deer; civet cats and pangolines — scaly ante-eaters — also rove the bleak hills. Occasionally, one may see a monkey, fox and a mongoose. Rarely, a leopard or tiger. Although highly dangerous cobras and pythons are fairly numerous, they are seldom seen and records of snake bites are exceedingly rare.

About those elevations—Vesuvius, 3,858 feet; Victoria, 1,809; Gibraltar, 1,396; Diamond Head, 761 feet. Outside of Vesuvius, were you correct? Me, I lost a dinner wager on it.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — The government has been fussing with its big wheels for a long time about scuttling g o b b l e d y - g o o k . L o n g sentences, dependent clauses and m e t a p h o r s and other bits of c o m p o s i t i o n that don't mate up have plagued them for y e a r s .



So the General Service Administration is advocating a set of rules for writing. Mostly it has to do with how to write a letter.

In our profession it is preached from the pulpit every day that writing a news story is something like writing a letter. You just sit down and tell your typewriter what happened. If you have a smart typewriter, sometimes things come out spelled right and make a little sense.

A Rose Is a Rose Our leaders tell us sensible things about never using a word you can't spell. And we're told not to get the folks mixed up by calling a cat a feline when everybody knows a cat is a cat. The same goes for dogs and canines; a dog is a dog.

Well, the GSA has taken a step forward with 17 rules for plainly written letters in down to earth English.

Here are some of the GSA's dos and don'ts:

Don't make a habit of repeating what is said in the letter you answer.

Avoid needless words and needless information.

Beware of roundabout prepositional phrases, such as "with regard to" and "in reference to."

Don't qualify your statements with irrelevant "ifs."

Know your subject so well that you can discuss it naturally and confidently.

Violate Own Rules Be compact. Don't separate closely related parts of sentences.

Tie thoughts together so your reader can follow you from one to another without getting lost.

### Milwaukie Columnist Innocent of Libel

Oregon City — (U.P.) — A Circuit Court jury yesterday returned an innocent verdict in the \$30,000 libel suit trial of J. H. Van Winkle, one time columnist for the Milwaukie Review. The newspaper was not a defendant in the action.

The action had been brought by Robert B. Jones, former Clackamas county commissioner, who claimed his reputation was brought into "disgrace and contempt" by a Van Winkle column reporting courthouse activities.

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### Dippers Head for Banks Of Sandy for Smelt Run

Troutdale, Ore. — (U.P.) — Dippers by the hundreds flocked to the banks of the Sandy river today as a "heavy" smelt run headed upstream.

The smelt entered the Sandy shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday. The sheriff's office reported the run was big and that the silvery little fish were thick at the mouth of the stream.

A big weekend "take" was expected by both amateur and commercial fishermen before the stream closes for 24 hours at midnight Sunday.

### Ike May Send Envoy To Monaco Wedding

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower is thinking about sending a personal representative to attend Grace Kelly's wedding to the Prince of Monaco, April 19.

### Survivors Quizzed In Philadelphia Blast

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Fire Department investigators questioned survivors today in an attempt to learn what caused Wednesday night's grain elevator explosion that killed at least two men, injured 84 other

Fire Marshal William Eckles said the earth-shaking blast apparently was a grain dust explosion, but there was considerable doubt as to what ignited the dust. He mentioned the lighting of a spark-operated grain dryer or a spark from repair equipment in the grain elevator as possible causes.

Wilfred Sutton, superintendent of the granary, said he doubted the theory of a dust explosion. He said both ends of the unheated grain warehouse were open and that dust in the air would have to be "very dense" to cause such a blast.

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Willamette Relay Starts Tomorrow

Salem — (U.P.) — The track for tomorrow's Willamette relays was reported in good shape today despite unstable weather conditions as athletes from 22 colleges and 100 high schools prepared to strut their stuff.

Three invitational events, topped by the Statesman mile at 1 p.m., highlight the big track and field day. Jim Bailey and Bill Dellinger from the University of Oregon, two of the country's best milers, will oppose each other in this event.

The 100-yard dash pits Gordon Busse and Sam McWhirter, Fort Lewis soldiers who have been clocked in 9.6 against such aces as Jack Morris of Oregon, Ray Duncan of Seattle Pacific and Sam Wesley of Oregon State.

The high hurdles will feature Dean Benson, Willamette's defending champion against such stars as Dean Singer of Washington and Dave Klicker of Whitman.

### State To Burn Up Cigarette Stamps

Salem — (U.P.) — Some 11,000,000 cigarette tax stamps will go up in smoke at a special burning ceremony at the state incinerator here Tuesday.

State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith said the commission bought the stamps for administration of a 1941 cigarette tax of two cents a package. But the tax was killed in a referendum and the commission has saved the stamps for 15 years.

The 1955 Legislature passed a three-cent cigarette tax, but it too has been referred to the people and commissioners despair of ever being able to use the stamps. Smith said the national trend is away from using stamps, anyway. He said the commission hopes to get back some of the \$3.500 the stamps cost by selling some of them to collectors.

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## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson on American and Russian atomic stockpiles:

"Within a reasonable number of years, we are almost bound to get into a condition sometimes described as 'atomic plenty' where both side have enough military power to practically wipe out the world."

Denver—Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, on the late Ernie Pyle's "inspired anxiety" for the "little fellow": "Inspired anxiety is something we must feel every time a business trip or some other errand takes us through the slum district of a city. It is something we must feel every time we see the ugly face of religious and racial hatred and intolerance."

Clarksdale, Miss.—The Clarksdale Press-Register on its solution to most local juvenile problems: "About 50 parents taking about 50 seconds to take 50 sets of keys to 50 high price automobiles from 50 high school students."

New York—Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on a southern segregation leader's charge that the NAACP has "infiltrated" the South's teenagers with "rock-and-roll" music: "Some people in the South are blaming us for everything from measles to atomic fallout."

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