

### On The Side

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The divorce rate continues to increase alarmingly in this country. In the majority of the cases it is the wife who seeks the separation. In many instances she is not really an injured party but wants to get into circulation again to enjoy a wider variety of male company and ultimately acquire another husband. Too many husbands are now carrying the torch for ex-wives. Perhaps the time is propitious for Cecile B. DeMille to produce a revival of that film titled "Don't Change Your Husband." Remember that? It featured Lew Cody, Gloria Swanson and Elliott Dexter.

**Asides**

The Duke of Edinburgh, spouse of the British Queen Elizabeth, has some Indian blood in him. One of his ancestors was Pocahontas... the world's best cooks are the natives of Tuscany. It was the Tuscan culinary experts who went to Paris with Marie de Medici who taught the French how to cook.

**Page Boys**

Page boys at the Capitol at Washington, D.C., whose ages are from 14 to 18, are paid approximately \$80 a week. To be exact, their monthly pay check is \$248.95. Not bad for a teenager. These high salaried juveniles are political appointees.

**Asking**

Queries from clients. Q: What was George M. Cohan's first starring vehicle on Broadway? A: "Little Johnny Jones." Q: What is your suggestion for names for boy and girl twins? A: How about Adam and Eva? Q: Has there ever been a song written about a business girl? Some secretaries would like to sing such a song at a party they are giving for their employers. A: All I can think of is that touching ballad titled "Heaven will protect the working girl."

**Widows**

A "grass widow" is a married woman who is separated from her husband but not divorced. The inspiration of one of the greatest of all love poems was a grass widow. While visiting Edinburgh, Robert Burns engaged in a romantic interlude with a grass widow named Nancy McLehose. She inspired his poem, "Ae Fond Kiss," which includes the immortal lines:

Had we never loved sae kindly,  
Had we never loved sae blindly,  
Never met or never parted  
We had ne'er been broken-hearted.

**Sidelights**

A woman's severest critic is seldom her husband. It is usually her teen-age daughter. Twenty years ago, in 1936, the radio personalities with the highest ratings in the order named were Jack Benny, Major Bowes and Eddie Cantor.

**Geography**

Detroit is, of course, the largest city in Michigan. What is the second largest in that state? If you can't answer that quick as a flash, don't pick geography for your category if you get invited to appear on a quiz program.

**Dancers**

Most fat men are excellent dancers. Very light on their feet. The best dancer among United States presidents was William Taft, who weighed nearly 300. Incidentally, the fat men of Baltimore once staged a ball. Heaviest man present weighed 430. Heaviest woman tipped the beam at 315. Must have been interesting to see that couple doing a tango.

**In Reply To**

That great jockey, George Woolf, once received the following letter from a feminine fan, "My beautiful wrist watch is now in the pawn shop. Why? Because you lost the fifth race yesterday on the favorite. Shame on you." Mr. Woolf, a very gentlemanly fellow, replied, "Dear Madam: There are 67 ways a favorite can lose a horse race. Over 62 of these a jockey has no control."

### Kidd Convicted On Auto Charges

Salem—(U.P.)—Richard R. Kidd 23-year-old confessed firebug from Portland, was convicted in Marion county Circuit Court here yesterday on two counts of unauthorized use of an automobile.

Kidd, an inmate of the state hospital after admittedly starting numerous fires in Portland, was released from the hospital May 4.

The unauthorized auto use charges stemmed from an escape Kidd made from the hospital in which he took the two cars on his flight to eastern Oregon where he was apprehended.

Sentence will be pronounced Monday. Maximum penalty for the charge is two years on each count.

Bolivia is the fifth largest country in South America.

### They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

**PAINEKER SQUAWKS IF HIS FRAU TAKES MORE THAN THREE SHAKES TO SNAP A BEAUTIFUL SCENE**



**BUT WHEN HE'S PROJECTING SAID SHOTS FOR HIS FRIENDS HE'S EVEN SQUAWKIER**



## Russian Millionaires Better Off On Taxes Than Are Americans

**By WHITMAN BASSOW**  
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Moscow—(U.P.)—For income tax purposes, millionaires are better off in proletarian Russia than in the capitalistic United States.

Corporation presidents and Wall Street bankers might envy their Soviet counterparts, who are treated with sympathy and understanding by the Ministry of Finance, which like the U.S. Treasury Department, is responsible for collecting taxes.

First of all, there are few millionaires in Russia. For a Russian to make the equivalent of, say, Harlow Curtice, president of General Motors, still would leave him outside the millionaire category. His income after taxes would be about \$625,609 at the official exchange rate of four rubles to the dollar.

General Motors last year paid Curtice \$201,400 salary plus \$575,000 bonus, which he will receive in five annual installments. GM estimated that after taxes, Curtice was able to keep \$121,328 out of the total of \$776,400.

Probably no Soviet citizen earns that much money. If he did, the tax bite would be comparatively small.

But virtually the same system is used in Russia as in the United States to collect taxes.

**Pay As You Go**

A Soviet worker's tax is deducted monthly from his pay at his place of employment. The big difference is that in the Russian pay as you go system, there is no steeply graduated levy as salaries get larger.

The maximum tax is 13 per cent on incomes above 1,000 rubles (\$250) per month. Taxes start on salaries of 151 rubles (roughly 60 cents American) is paid. For a 1,000-ruble salary, the bite is 82 rubles (20.50) plus 13 per cent of everything over 1,000 rubles.

As in America, cuts are made depending on the number of persons a worker is supporting.

Rates can range from six per cent for a childless worker to a bite of 0.5 per cent for a person with two children.

Special rates apply to authors and artists who have incomes outside their places of employment.

**Higher Rates**

Doctors and lawyers who have private practices pay higher rates, as do members of the clergy.

For persons employed outside the government, the Finance Ministry, like the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, runs an installment plan payment scheme. Monthly or quarterly payments can be made. Small in-

terest charges are made for late payments.

Best of all, there is no complicated form, long or short, for filing tax returns.

Pay-as-you-go taxpayers fill out no forms at all. Others make a simple statement of income to the tax collection office.

One reason for the simplicity—and the low tax rate—is that the Soviet government has other sources of finance.

It does not regard income taxes as a major method of accumulating money as does the United States government.



**MOVING SWIFTLY** against pro-Peron revolutionists, Argentina smashes rebels, executes estimated 40 leaders. From left: Gen. Francisco Zedra, commander in chief of government forces, and Lt. Col. Oscar Cogorno (right), who emerged from retirement to lead rebels, was executed when captured at La Plata. (International Soundphoto)

### Around Hollywood

**By ALINE MOSBY**  
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—College commencements are a usual sight this month, but at one exercise the hero was a Hollywood Oscar.

The gold statuette stood on a home-made pedestal in a lecture room in the University of Southern California's cinema department. It was a prize for the students' "final exam"—a movie titled "The Face of Lincoln."

The film had a microscopic budget, no actors, scripts or sets. But it beat many a supercolossal movie—including MGM's "Gettysburg"—to win an Oscar as the best short subject this year.

"We're happy to have won, but in a way it hasn't been good," admitted Robert Hall, head of the department.

**Aspirations Soar**

"It has put the level of aspiration of the students to a height we never expect to produce to."

"The Face of Lincoln," as Hall modestly says, was "one of those happenstances we capitalized on." The head of the campus

department of sculpture, Merrill Gage, often takes a lecture in which he sculpts the head of Lincoln as he talks about the president. Since Gage soon is retiring, the students decided to film the lecture.

Watching the artist's hands mold age on the face of Lincoln is so unique that Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences voters made it a shoo-in for the Oscar.

The film has been shown in Los Angeles and New York theaters and soon will be distributed around the country. SC also has sold 148 prints of the movie to schools and libraries.

The SC cinema department, the oldest in the world, was formed in 1928 with the help of the academy. Hollywood studios often send producers, directors and other creators to lecture to the 250 students.

As part of the commencement exercises, the students showed us visitors "The Face of Lincoln" and other films they made during the year in their little studio.

The other films included "The Black Cat" from the Edgar Allan Poe story, and "Bunker Hill, 1956," a documentary on a slum clearance program in Los Angeles.

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