

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo

BURTON GOWANUS, EXPLORER AND WILD TRAVELER, KNOWS INTIMATELY EVERY SPOT ON EARTH...

HOWEVER, IN HIS OWN HOME TOWN HE'S STRICTLY NON COMPOS ONE BLOCK FROM HIS BED AND BOARD...



Sioux Falls, S. D. — (U.P.) — Only one person has died in South Dakota's electric chair since 1939, the year capital punishment was put back on the state's law books. The lone victim was George Sidney Sitts, who had killed a special state agent. Capital punishment from 1877 to 1915 was done by hanging. The first person to be hanged was Jack (Crooked Nose) McCall, who shot Wild Bill Hickok in the back of the head in 1876. The death penalty was repealed in 1915.

Greeks Had Word For Peace of Mind Many Years Ago

Chicago — (U.P.) — Thousands of years ago the Greeks had a word for what many Americans are striving today. They called it "ataraktos," which in our lingo means "peace of mind" or "detached serenity." Members of the American Medical Association who attended the annual convention here in June had a taste of this 20th century rarity when they visited "Ataraxia." Derived from the Greek, this was the name given to a specially designed room, the components of which were expertly coordinated to help the 15,000 doctors escape the hustle and bustle of their business and rest in "detached serenity."

TV Banking Answer To Parking Problem

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Banking by television? Don't raise your eyebrows. It can be done. John Mosler, executive vice president of the 108-year-old Mosler Safe Company of Hamilton, Ohio, has created remote TV drive-in banking, as an important answer to the parking problem.

No Trace Found of Gold Taken in Daring Swiss Job

Geneva — (U.P.) — Eight months ago three men pulled off one of the biggest coups in Swiss history, getting away with 250 kilograms of gold bars in daylight. Patient probing has identified the trio, but there has been as yet no trace of the gold, Police Chief Charles Knecht said. He attributed delay in arresting the thieves to the hope of locating the loot.

Bureau of Mines Will 'Intensify' Metals Research

Washington — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Mines during the current fiscal year will "intensify" its nation-wide research in metals and non-metals essential to defense and industrial progress, according to Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton.

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The companies have paid off on the loss, which was valued at 1,200,000 Swiss francs (about \$280,000). It was consigned to several Swiss banks by shippers in Paris and came aboard an Air France plane.

The insurance companies also have offered a reward of 100,000 francs (about \$23,000) for information leading to the recovery of all or part of the gold. They have had no takers as yet. Guard Demanded

In addition, they have enforced precautions hitherto unknown in honest Switzerland, where almost daily gold shipments used to move in and out with no more fuss than crates of vegetables.

One shipping-firm manager told United Press that he can't get insurance on gold now unless at least two armed men on hand at every stage.

Just to make sure, we always make it three," he added. The big haul was possible because the load of 10 small boxes, each containing 25 one-kilogram ingots—a relatively minor shipment here—was left unguarded for a few minutes in 5 p.m. rush-hour traffic on the main station square Jan. 19.

One of the three thieves, who had spent a week surveying the activities of the Ritschard transport firm from a nearby cafe and at the airport, simply stepped into the little blue pickup truck as soon as the driver entered the nearby doorway and drove off.

The coup was so cleanly and quietly executed that it was weeks before police even located an eyewitness—one man who had happened to glance out of an office window as the truck was driven off but did not realize for days what he had seen. Escaped to France

There was a slight delay in getting police on the scene, as the bewildered driver lost several minutes looking for his vanished truck before reporting the loss. By the time they got to work and alerted all the numerous customs posts in the long frontier curve around Geneva, the gold was already across the border into France, police believe.

An hour or so later the Ritschard truck was located, abandoned and empty in a little-used side road about three kilometers from the French frontier. Another car that had been following it had disappeared, obviously with the gold aboard.

Six weeks later police had a fairly clear picture of the three men directly involved from restaurant employees who had seen them lunching and dining at selected tables overlooking the gold-transfer activities at the busy Geneva station square and at the Cointrin Airport restaurant. Some time later both Swiss and French police became convinced that they knew who the three were, but they aren't ready to reveal the names yet.

Loose Black Spider Blamed for Accident

Sioux Falls, S.D. — (U.P.) — Robert C. Portice, Sioux Falls, was fined for reckless driving although he contended a black widow spider which got lost in his car caused the accident. Portice said he had found the spider at his place of employment and was taking it to a scientist when he noticed it was missing from a bottle. His car ran into a parked car.

Judge Walter Conway fined Portice \$100 but suspended \$85 when Portice agreed to pay the damages to the car.

Premature Troop Withdrawal From Suez Could Bring Down Eden's Government

London — (U.P.) — Conservative members of Parliament said today a "premature" withdrawal of British troops from Port Said could spark a rebellion in Parliament which could bring down Sir Anthony Eden's government. A member of the "Suez Rebel" group told the United Press that "about 50" Conservative members had made known their intentions, in writing, to refuse party directives to support Eden in any parliamentary vote on the issue.

He said the reports of the British decision to withdraw one battalion from Port Said already had roused the "rebels" to action and had increased their numerical strength.

Eden Discusses Situation "The reports that there are only 35 Conservative members opposed to the British withdrawal is an underestimate," the source said. "There are at least 50 members who have written in saying they will refuse the whips if there is a premature withdrawal from the canal zone."

Eden, on the eve of his departure for a three weeks holiday in Jamaica, was reported discussing the explosive political situation with his senior ministers.

The government whips were said to be already in action in an effort to avoid a major revolt in the Conservative ranks. Deputy Premier R. A. Butler and Chancellor of the Exchequer Harold MacMillan are scheduled to address the "1922 committee"—a Conservative back benchers organization, tonight.

The Conservative source said this was one of many private meetings aimed at talking the "rebels" out of their opposition to the government.

Critical Day "Today is the most critical day the government has faced since it has held office," the source said. "Either the cabinet or the rebels must surrender within the next 24 hours if a crisis is to be averted."

The Conservative Daily Express, one of the government's staunchest supporters, took note of the growing rebellion and predicted that it could "bring the government down."

At least 35 of Eden's supporters told the government they would withhold their support if the United Nations demands are accepted. Some estimates put the number of rebels as high as 50.

The ultimatum came as Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd told the U.N. General Assembly Britain would withdraw one battalion of troops from Port Said as evidence of good faith.

Eden's residence already announced he would leave Friday for Jamaica for an "essential" vacation because of the severe strain under which he has been recently. He and Lady Eden expect to spend about three weeks there.

The subject of troop withdrawal was the main topic at today's cabinet meeting presided over by Butler, leader in the House of Commons.

The cabinet was expected to agree to a "phased withdrawal" of British and French troops, but the "Suez Rebels" who have long demanded a firm policy against Egypt, served notice this would not satisfy them.

One rebel, Angus Maude, said the party would be split by a "massive revolt if Britain agreed to anything like the terms agreed between Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser and U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

Maude demanded guarantees the canal would be rapidly cleared and operated under international control. He warned Butler that "no man who had steered this country into so abject a surrender could ever hope to lead the Tory party."

"If we emerge humiliated, betraying our friends abroad, forced to crawl to the Americans for every drop of oil while Nasser triumphs on the Suez

Canal, then there is no place for me—or for scores of my colleagues—in the Tory party under its present leaders," Maude said.

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Farmers May Be Near Eight-Hour Work Day

Albany, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Farmers in New York state and the rest of the nation may be nearing an eight-hour work day — something most others have been enjoying for some time.

Governor Records show that in '46 the average farmer worked 11.5 hours a day, and in some states the figure was a high as 13 hours a day.

Official estimates for Sept. 1, 1956 place the average farmer's working day at 10.2 hours. The decrease is presumed to have come about through more modern farm equipment, machinery and advanced techniques of fertilizing. The trend toward fewer hours is expected to continue.

Land O' Lakes, Wis. — (U.P.) — Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) bagged a 14-point buck near here before the deer season officially opened. But authorities said it wasn't against the law. McCarthy's car struck the animal while he and his wife were driving.

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