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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 official congressional physician, Dr. George W. Calver, is pretty well pleased with his charges so far this year.

Harman Nichols

For nearly two decades, Dr. Calver has been feeling the pulses of law makers, wrapping up sore thumbs and putting salve to ingrown toenails. He operates out of a small office in the Capitol behind a sign that says "Quiet, medical center."

"Right now," he said during an interview, "you can hoot and holler all you want. Everybody seems to be in fine fettle."

"Everybody," meaning members of the House and Senate who have come around for a check up. The legislators are not compelled to come in for a chest thump, but when the word gets around that Dr. Calver is ready with his stethoscope most of them drop in.

Two Sick Senators

There are, of course, some illnesses. Two senators are in the Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center. Sen. William Langer (R.-N.D.) aged 70, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Eighty-two-year-old Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D.-W.Va.) has been in the hospital for weeks recovering from a hip injury but is gradually mending and goes to the Capitol occasionally.

Also, aging Rep. James B. Bowman (D.-Ill.) has been prevented by illness from returning to Washington since the current congressional session began. Bowler was sworn in at Chicago in an unusual precedent for the House.

Trouble with most congressmen, Dr. Calver said, is that they are overfed.

"They run around stuffing themselves with lace panty chicken every night," he said, "then they tumble and roll all night and next thing you know they come running to me with a belly ache or something."

Still in Navy

Dr. Calver who is still an active rear admiral in the Navy, realizes that the lawgivers have to make a lot of speeches and before speaking have to do a lot of eating.

When diet is indicated for fat men, the good doctor has one ready, although he wouldn't say what it was.

He did not, however, make a secret of the fact that he is a great one to prescribe exercise. Work in the gymnasium for the younger such as Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, who is hurrying on to 33.

For elder statesmen the doctor prescribes what he preaches. Walking. He walks at a fairly good pace for at least an hour every morning.

"Until a person gets used to using shank's ponies instead of exercising only one foot on the foot pedal of a high powered car," he said, "I recommend 15 minutes a day at first. He'll get used to it."

Calver pointed out that Sen. Theodore Francis Green (D.-R.I.) often walks to the Capitol from his quarters at the University club, more than two miles. Green is 89.

Touring Editor in Seoul; Guest of Envoy

Seoul — (U.P.) — Walker Stone, editor-in-chief of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, arrived here today on the first leg of an Asian tour which will take him to more than a dozen nations.

Stone was to be a guest of U. S. Ambassador Walter C. Dowling during his two-day stay in the Republic of Korea.

The newspaperman planned to call on President Syngman Rhee and tour the Korean truce line before leaving for Tokyo Wednesday.

John Wayne Feared To Have Broken Leg

Rome — (U.P.) — Actor John Wayne is feared to have broken his leg while making a picture in Tripoli, Libya, film officials said today.

Production headquarters said they received a cable from Tripoli reporting that Wayne fell from the top of some ruins of an ancient Roman forum at Leptis Magna Sunday morning.

Wayne is filming the picture "The Legend of The Lost" with Italy's Sophia Loren.

Doctors from the U. S. Air Base near Tripoli were reported treating Wayne.

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Pendleton Member Of Oregon House Dies

Pendleton, Ore. — (U.P.) — Irvin Mann, 58-year-old Republican member of the Oregon House of Representatives, died here Saturday.

Mann was hospitalized in December with an old back injury. He spent five weeks in St. Vincent hospital in Portland before being returned to St. Anthony hospital here last December.

A prominent cattle rancher at Adams, Mann represented the 23rd District of Oregon in the Legislature. In December he expressed the hope that he would be well enough to be present at this session.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes said "The death of Mann means a great loss to Umatilla county where he resided and to the entire state to which he had devoted his interest.

Derbyshire, England — (U.P.) — Police and doctors have over 15 clues to the identity of an amnesia victim here but they still can not find out who he is. The clues are tattooes and include: Two daggers, two birds, two rising suns, palm trees, the skull and crossbones, the words Malta, Colombo Aden, Singapore and Malaya and the date 1953.

Man's Search for 'Meaningfulness' Provides Chance for Sincere Converts

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — A noted theologian said today modern man's "desperate search for meaningfulness" has given the churches the greatest opportunity in three centuries to win sincere converts to Christianity.

But Dr. Albert T. Mollegen said the opportunity will be lost, and the present religious revival will degenerate into "dangerous idolatry" if churches try to satisfy deep spiritual hunger with "peace of mind" preaching or other "pagan" substitutes for classic Christian gospel.

Dr. Mollegen is professor of New Testament literature at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. His books on Christian apologetics and his popular evening lecture courses for laymen at Washington cathedral have won him a national reputation as an "apostle to intellectuals."

End of an Era

The United Press asked Dr. Mollegen in an interview to appraise the cause and the possible future course of the great upsurge of religious interest that has carried U. S. church membership to an all-time high.

He said western culture has reached "the end of the rationalist era," which began in the 17th century, in which man sought to rule God out of the universe. The implication, borne home by two world wars and the shadow of the H-bomb, he said, is that human life is essentially meaningless, and that man is an infinitely unimportant speck of matter "stuck on a cooling star with a queer type of cement called gravity."

Dr. Mollegen said men have found intolerable the "radical sense of rationalist philosophy" and are seeking to build defenses against it in two ways:

"Edge of the Abyss"

By filling their lives with "sensation." Elvis Presley, television addiction, the tremendous popularity of specator sports, all are symptoms of this unconscious desire to cram existence with so much "feeling" that no one has time to think about "sitting on the edge of the abyss.'

—By re-examining "almost every religious alternative known to the western tradition." Some, like philosopher Bertrand Russell, have embraced Greek stoicism. Others have taken up eastern mysticism. For most, however, this quest for "meaningfulness" has found its national expression in a return to Christianity.

Because so many people are genuinely searching for an intellectually - honest religious faith that can give purpose, meaning and hope to human existence, Dr. Mollegen said, the churches have "their greatest opportunity" in modern times to expound the full gospel of classic Christianity to a receptive audience.

Religious Froth

Are they doing it?

Some are and some aren't, Dr. Mollegen said.

"You can't escape the fact that there is a lot of froth to our present 'religious revival.' There is a tendency to treat religion as a formula for getting what we want.

"Some almost without qualification, promise people that God will give them what they want. Now I don't deny that this 'peace in mind' religion, which treats God as a means to our ends, may have some social value. It may help to cure alcoholics or overcome inferiority complexes. But you still have to say that this is paganism, not Christianity."

Another symptom of incipient "idolatry," he said, is "the disposition to confuse religion with patriotism, and to worship 'God and free enterprise' in the same breath."

A Re-Examination

"Mere religiosity," he said, "which is not rooted in Christian humility and a profound sense of living under God's judgment, can turn into a dangerous, even a demoniacal thing. It leads to witch hunts, to personal pride and national self righteousness."

When all is said, however, Dr. Mollegen still sees "much that is sound, true and hopeful" in American religious life today.

"Beneath the froth, there is encouraging evidence of a real, substantial return to classic Christianity on the part of many people. All over the country, I find university teachers and students, writers, business and professional men, scientists, housewives, teachers and doctors who have re-examined the Christian faith, and have found they can accept it without any sacrifice of intellectual honesty or personal integrity.

"These are tough minded, sincere people. They are moving toward Christianity, not in panic, but steadily and honestly."

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

So when you start talking about whales you naturally begin stretching your arms out good and wide and using words like immense, enormous, titanic, stupendous, monstrous, gigantic, elephantine, mammoth, colossal and Gargantuan — every adjective Hollywood has already burned the meaning out of.

So you add hyper-super to colossal and what do you have? You're still far from adequately describing the bulk of the largest of all mammals, the blue

whale, also known as the sulphur-bottom whale, found in all waters. That is because this greatest of all mammals has the bulk and weight of more than a battalion of 800 infantrymen in full battle equipment — that average 300 pounds per man.

The largest recorded blue whale ever taken, a female, was 113 feet long. Weights were not recorded.

But we do have the precise figures for an 89-foot blue — some 24 feet shorter. (At this size, those extra 24 feet count for dozens of tons, too!)

This 89-footer, a fairly large one as they come, was weighed and measured piece by piece at Stomness Whaling station, South Georgia in the south polar region, Nov. 8, 1926, the day after it was killed, reports R. B. Robertson in Of Whales and Men (Knopf, N.Y.).

Perhaps this is the only occasion in whaling history that such an operation has ever been performed and recorded, asserts Dr. Robertson.

The overall measurements of this whale are: Length, 89 feet; height, lying on side, 10 feet; circumference, 46 feet; jawbone length, 23 feet; flukes 18 feet; fins 9½ feet.

The weights of this whale broken down are: blubber, 54,000 pounds; meat, 112,000 pounds; bone 44,000 pounds; tongue, 6,000 pounds; lungs, 2,000 pounds; heart, 1,000 pounds; kidneys, 1,000 pounds; stomach, 1,000 pounds, intestines 3,000 pounds; liver, 2,000 pounds; blood, 16,000 pounds.

Not Extraordinarly Large

Jawbone, 4,000 pounds, skull 9,000 pounds; backbone 20,000 pounds; ribs, 8,000 pounds; flukes, 2,000 pounds; fins, 2,000 pounds.

This gives this 89-footer — and remember this was not an extraordinarily large blue whale —approximately 240,000 pounds or 120 tons.

Reduced to blubber, meat and bone oil this female was converted into 54,000 pounds.

Translating these figures: this whale's weight is that of approximately 50 elephants. Its length, height and girth that of a railway passenger car. An elephant could walk under its up-ended jawbone without touching. Its fins are the size and weight of a pretty large dining table, and its flukes would make an excellent pair of wings for a fighter aircraft, naturally streamlined, too.

Its blubber would keep all the votary candles burning in St. Peter's of Rome for a century or more; and its meat would supply a hamburger to every person in Boston. (And a good one, too, because I've eaten and liked whale meat).

Its tongue would overload a fair-sized truck and it would take six very strong men to lift its heart. Its skull is the size and weight of a motor car and its blood would fill seven thousand quart milk bottles.

All this is run by a brain the size of a carburetor.

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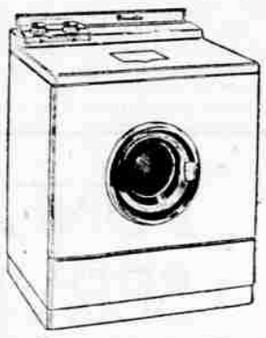

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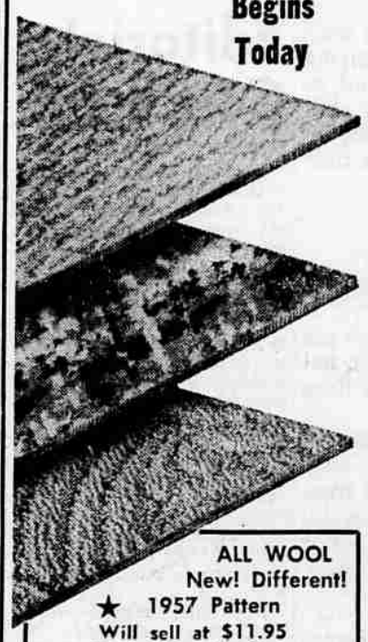

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