

Home Mightier Than Satellite, McCall's Director Tells Women

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Washington—While Washington was spinning giddily over the success of Sputnik, Democrats screaming with alarm and Republicans pouring out soothing syrup in even bigger doses, it was left to a group of private citizens to inject some sense into national thinking.

It was one of Arthur B. Langlie's boys, down from the New York head office of McCall's, where the ex-governor of Washington state runs the corporation, who proceeded to provide much-needed perspective.

"This first Congress on Better Living is meeting in Washington this week during one of the most significant periods in history," observed Camille Davied, McCall's executive director, to

the delegates assembled. "Throughout the world tonight many people undoubtedly are preoccupied with matters like intercontinental ballistics, nuclear weapons and space satellites.

"I have great respect for atom power and satellites," admitted the editor. "But I have more respect for a woman who can build love and affection and family warmth into four walls."

Home Thought Mightier
"Yes," said he after a Solomon-like weighting of the Great Issues, "I think the home is mightier than the satellite."

With no further concern for Sputnik, the lady delegates put their minds to Better Living and reported consensus:

"The 100 delegates from all over the country, acting as

In addition to the Great lakes, sharing frontiers with the United States, Canada has nine lakes that are more than 100 miles each in length.

spokesman for the nation's 50 million families, revealed an overwhelming trend toward returning to the double bed as an essential ingredient to wedded bliss.

"Seventy-eight per cent of the delegates announced that they share a double bed, and nine per cent even have super-size ones, as against a meager 13 per cent who exist in the twin-

bed atmosphere of the master bedroom."

Salute To Theme

Whether the ladies were thinking ahead to the coming era of leisure, or simply reflecting the fact that American suburbia is full of tiny bedrooms hardly big enough for twin beds, nevertheless their finding represented quite a salute to theme "togetherness." And this was supremely pleasing to the sponsor of the Congress, McCall's magazine, whose hefty heart beats for "togetherness" every month.

However, Mrs. Everett Sugarbaker understandably had to abandon the principal in order to attend the convention in Washington. She left her 10 kids back in Jefferson City, Mo.

The greatest contribution yet to be made to Better Living, as seen from the female vantage point, would be to find a way to eliminate ironing. And another thing, not content simply to move the furniture around (or watch hubby put a shoulder to the davenport), the gals want movable walls in order to rear-

range the whole place as family needs (or their moods) change.

Sputnik May Have Answer

While the double bed is fine for wedded bliss, they said it would be so much better if someone could devise a way to permit the wife to read without keeping the old man awake. Maybe Sputnik will have some observations from on high about that one.

Right on the spiked heels of the 100 delegates came the 200 directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to the nation's capital. They trooped over to the Pentagon and heard Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, in what might be called a lesson in "longer living."

"I believe that as long as we maintain a strong military structure the Soviets will be deterred from attacking us," declared Twining.

In a quick followup, Rear Admiral C. O. Tribble had a final precaution for the club women. Said the admiral, "We can't hide under the bed."



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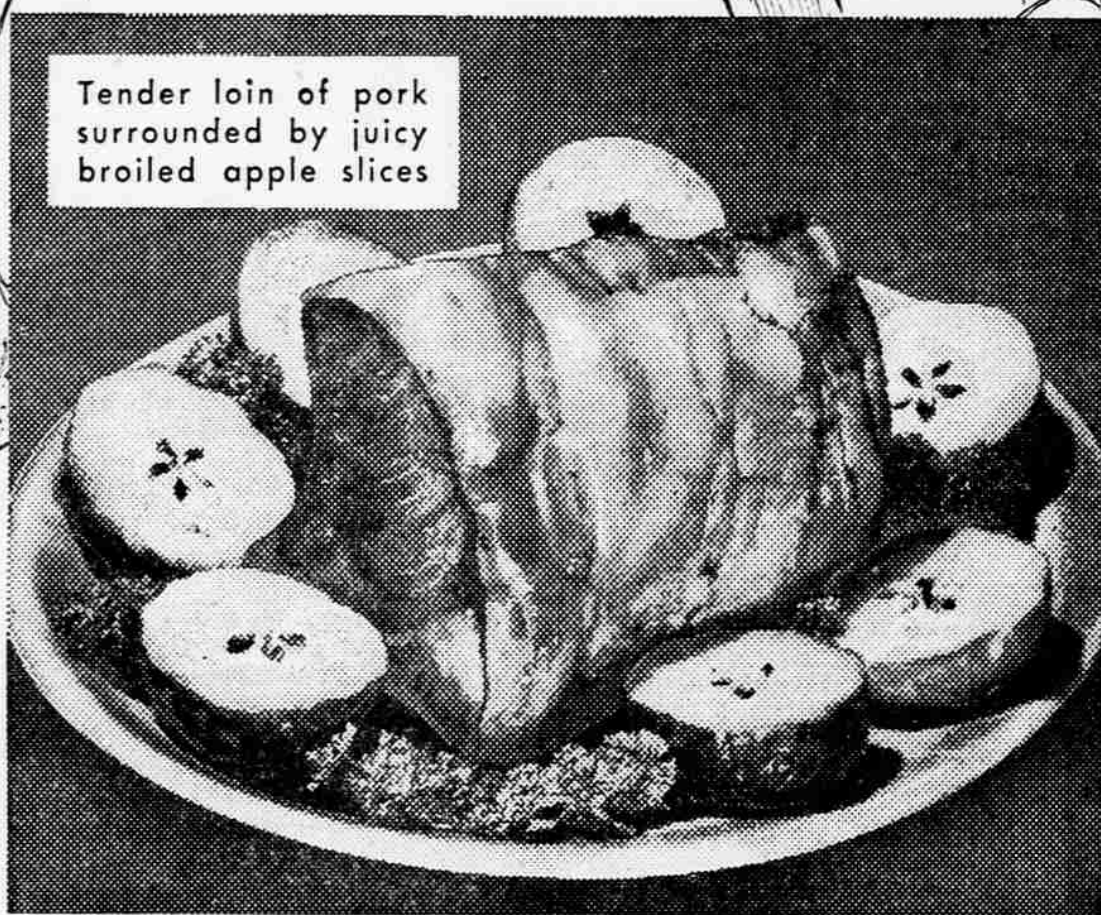


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