

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THERE IS A WRITER in England who not only appropriated a lot of Bertrand Russell's ideas for a book he was writing, but had the nerve to ask Russell to contribute an introduction when the book was completed. Lord Russell's reply consisted of two words: "Modesty forbids."

Sophia Loren, the shapely, to put it mildly, Italian screen star, purred to a columnist, "The figure the heavens saw fit to give me — I owe to spaghetti!"

An old gal with young ideas cornered her druggist and asked, "Haven't you got something for grey hair?" He told her, "Nothing madam, but the greatest respect."

Have you encountered the well-rounded miss who married a second lieutenant? The first one got off the hook.

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Lionel Trains Made For the Female Set

By DOC QUIGG
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New York — In a major breakthrough into new concepts of railroading, the Lionel people have developed a complete five car electric model train made for girls only. That's crash thinking, boys.

Always, they explain, female tots have had to content themselves with playing with brother's model trains. But that's all behind us now. The new, girlish choo-choo features pastel colors such as a pink-frosting steam locomotive, robin's egg blue New York Central boxcar, lilac Lehigh Valley hopper, sky blue Pennsylvania illuminated caboose, and buttercup yellow M-T boxcar.



SUSPENDED — Astrop Ingold Burman is caught off-guard by cameramen as she arrives at her apartment in Rome after she and Roberto Rossellini had obtained a legal separation. The couple have three children, Roberto, 7, and twins Ingrid and Isabella, 2.

Irrigation Works Backed In Session Of Reclamationists

Phoenix, Ariz. — Delegates to the National Reclamation association convention here have wound up their sessions after deciding on Houston, Tex., as their 1958 convention site, and approving 21 resolutions in support of irrigation projects.

More than 1,000 reclamation experts throughout the nation flocked to hear top federal and state officials discuss land and water problems at the three-day convention. Among the resolutions adopted before adjournment was one supporting optimum water runoff in any reserved area or wilderness that should be established.

Final speakers included Assistant Interior Secretary Fred Aandahl, who warned that "responsible sources forecast an increase of 60 million people in the U.S. by 1975..." and noted that more than 19 million of them would be in the western states.

The federal official noted that the answer to the "running argument of crop surpluses versus future needs" was "pretty well contained in population forecasts and dwindling crop lands."

Luncheon speaker of the final day was Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.), who cited reclamation's part in developing the West, and maintained funds should continue to be made available "because the nation needs reclamation."

The model train people always have copied details from the big, real-life railroads, but this time they seem to have gone out on their own for the women's trade. And therein may lie the virus of an idea for the women's trade. And therein may lie the virus of an idea for the real railroads.

Trains for Ladies

In the recent disclosure that talks have been underway looking toward possible merger of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads, there were estimates that each line was losing around 50 million dollars a year on its passenger service. Well, why not take the plunge and go right after the powerful distaff trade by whipping up special trains for ladies?

"Ladies Limited! Now leaving on Track 29, for Paoli, Albany, Pittsburgh, and State Street shopping center in Chicago! Please accept our kind request for your presence aboard... Pennsy-Central, at home, after 6:14 p.m. standard time."

Under the Quigg plan, the Ladies Special would consist of several boudoir cars—one with chintz drapes outside, another polka dot, another cozily wallpapered. Inside, there would be mirrors instead of windows, since the passengers would be much more interested in looking into them than in looking outside. The observation car would have picture mirrors.

The exterior architecture of the Pullmans would vary with each car-ranch house, Georgian, Cape Cod, cottage-small-by-a-waterfall... there would be brass knockers and chimes on the doors. Also, a fireplace in every car, attended, naturally, by a fireman—or firewoman.

Blue Serge Must Go
Those simply horrible blue serge suits on conductors would have to go. They could wear Bermuda shorts in summer and something gaudy like matador uniforms in winter. The tickets would be glamorized—heart-shaped and possibly in booklet form surrounded by advertisements, plus a couple of juicy heart-throb stories for bedtime reading.

Of course, there would be beauty salon cars, chiropodist cars, a cook-it-yourself diner, a bar car serving only pink lady and Alexander cocktails. The train butchers would hawk hors d'oeuvres instead of ham and cheese sandwiches.

When the train wheels whispered to the rails while crossing trestles, it wouldn't sound as if they were saying the traditional "Heinie Manush... Heinie Manush will play today." They'd say "Gussie Moran... Gussie Moran... or maybe, "Elizabeth Second reigns supreme."

Scientist Praises Defense Department

Los Angeles — Dr. Joseph Kaplan, chairman of the United States International Geophysical Year committee, has praised a Defense department order for the Army to join the Navy in helping to launch an earth satellite.

Kaplan said that he was "very pleased" with Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy's order to the services to combine "their efforts. "Anything that the Defense Department does to speed progress of our Vanguard project is of course highly pleasing to us," the UCLA professor of physics said.

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