

Try and Stop Me

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THE LADY OF THE HOUSE, entering the kitchen unexpectedly, caught the maid with her face and hands unwashed, and a pile of greasy dishes filling the sink. "Goodness, Jane," she exclaimed, "you're pretty dirty, aren't you?"

"Thank you, mam," Jane smirked. "And I'm even prettier clean!"



Bob Considine does not rate a certain "private eye" too highly. "In fact," maintains Bob, "that flatfoot couldn't find an elephant with a nose-bleed walking in the snow."

"You really don't have to worry about your station in life," Judge John Summers reminds us. "There's always somebody who's willing to tell you where to get off."

President of a corporation to his board of directors: "All opposed to my plan will signify by saying 'I resign.'"

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Farm, Labor Head This Year's Issues

Editors: This is the third and final of a series of dispatches on problems confronting the new session of Congress. It deals with domestic issues.

By RAYMOND LAHR
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Washington — Farm and labor problems will provide the top domestic issues at the new session of congress, but disagreement over their solution may mean little or no action in either field.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson wants Congress, which convenes Tuesday, to give him more discretion to lower farm price supports — a proposal which has not met with any enthusiasm among farm state members. In fact, dairy state lawmakers are calling for legislation to force him to revoke a recent cutback in dairy price supports.

There is disagreement among both farm organizations and farm bloc lawmakers about how to raise farm income and to deal with crop surpluses. This situation has led some congressional farm experts to predict a stalemate. In the field of labor, the administration is asking for new laws to protect employee welfare funds and to safeguard democratic procedures in unions. There has also been a substantial congressional demand for such legislation, largely because of disclosures made by the senate investigation of improper labor and management practices.

A bill to regulate welfare funds, like one already approved by the senate labor committee, probably could be passed this year. Other parts of the administration labor

program, however, have already drawn opposition from the labor movement and are less likely to get congressional approval this year.

Here is the outlook on other domestic issues:

Postal Rates: The administration is carrying its campaign for higher postal rates, including a four-cent stamp for first class mail, into the sixth year. The house passed a bill for this purpose last year, and the prospects for senate approval have improved.

Civil Rights: Oratory will be heard from both sides of this issue but no action is in sight. The administration is not asking for new legislation this year.

Public Works: Senate-approved bills for the Hells Canyon and Fryingspan - Arkansas projects probably will die in the house. However, any administration attempt to cut back funds for other public works projects will run into heavy opposition.

Education: The Senate is expected to agree in principle with the administration proposals to encourage greater study of science. The House outlook is more uncertain.

Statehood: Prospects are still dim for passage of bills to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska.

Immigration: Any congressional action probably will fall short of administration requests for more liberal immigration laws.

Natural Gas: Supporters of the bill to exempt intrastate gas operations from federal regulation have not yet found the necessary votes in the house. The senate is waiting for the house to act.

Summit Conference Appears Destined

By DAN GILMORE
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London — A summit conference between Western Leaders and the Russians, for better or for worse, seems destined this year.

The U.S. government may not like the idea, but the pressure from its Western European allies to sit down and talk with the Soviet leaders is now too strong to resist.

A survey by United Press Correspondents in capitals across Europe shows that this sentiment will become even stronger on the coming months unless there is a dramatic crisis such as Hungary discrediting Russia.

On Best Behavior
The Russians, however, are expected to keep on their best behavior until the talks begin. From then on, all will depend on the negotiating skill of the Western allies and the real intent of the Soviet leaders.

The common feeling in Europe is that there is simply no valid reason why talks should not be held with the Russians to attempt to end the armaments race and the cold war that viewpoint was gaining ground early in 1957, well before Sputniks began orbiting the earth.

Europeans, unlike Americans, are much inclined to "conference" as such.

In addition, a not of weariness after almost 12 years of cold war was beginning to creep into even the most staunchly anti-Communist governments. Defense budgets began hurting national economies, even with massive U.S. aid.

"Let's Talk It Over"
The Russians astutely recognized the trend and played on the theme: "Let's talk it over." And the music sounded even sweeter once Russia demonstrated it had the missile know-how to launch intercontinental rockets.

Neither President Eisen-

Being in Tune With Cosmic Vibrations Declared Beneficial

Chicago — Dr. Roman Ostojka says the good life is not a fat bankroll and tranquilizer pills, but "blissful vibrations."

Ostojka, a Polish-born yoga, has spent most of his 67 years probing the rarified atmosphere of metaphysics and the occult.

He came here from California to spread the gospel of "mind over matter" with a series of public demonstrations.

These include lying on a bed of nails, walking barefooted on broken glass and reclining on swords while somebody smashes a boulder on his chest with a sledgehammer.

These antics are all the more remarkable because Ostojka is a small man who looks as if a sudden gust would blow him over.

"Blissful vibration," he said, can be attained by anyone.

"One need only inform himself about the laws of the universe and work with them, not against them or independently as most people are doing," he said.

Cosmic Harmony

When you reach this blissful state you're in harmony with the universe and in tune with cosmic vibrations, Ostojka said. At one time or another, he said, we all experience this "cosmic harmony."

But the trick, he said, is to become "aware" and learn how to put yourself in permanent harmony.

In his trances, Ostojka claims to have visited Mars and Venus.

"The people of Mars are not little green men," he said. "They are taller than we. And the people of Venus are round, how shall I say, plump."

At his "Institute of Infinite Science" in Hollywood, Ostojka said he has instructed hundreds of persons in yogi

including film director Lloyd Bacon, who couldn't sleep and actress Joan Davis, who could not relax.

Former Count
Ostojka came to this country in 1923 as Count Roman Miesko Ostojka Maszanski, son of a famous Polish general. His father had been executed in the first World War, and his mother had given him money and sent him to India.

There, he said, he found a guru (teacher) who took him into the Himalayas and taught him the ancient yogi secrets.

Ostojka said he came to this country at the invitation of the late Dr. William McDougall, then a Harvard University psychologist, to lecture on auto-suggestion, hypnosis and telepathy.

He claims to have demonstrated his prowess for the late Prof. Albert Einstein and novelist Leo Tolstoy.

Ostojka is one yoga who doesn't recommend standing on your head.

"If you have high blood pressure," he said, "you could have a stroke."

He also drinks coffee and smokes cigarettes.

"Both are good," he said. "They have vitamin B-12."

Sex Turned Down For Dress Outfits By War Office

London — The War Office turned down sex, at least in uniforms.

Officials turned a deaf ear to a suggestion from an acknowledged sartorial expert that the new British army dress outfit should be "sexy" to attract more volunteers into her majesty's forces.

The War Office is presently considering a uniform change. An announcement was expected in the next few days. John Taylor, editor of the authoritative "Tailor and Cutter," had some advice in the current issue of the army publication "Soldier" on what the announcement should be.

To attract recruits, give them a uniform to attract gals "as they did in the old days," Taylor wrote. He suggested this colorful ensemble for today's Tommy:

A scarlet jacket with shiny black belt, black trousers with scarlet stripe down the side, black shoes white shirt, a narrow black tie and a black officer's cap with a scarlet band. And instead of an overcoat, Taylor suggested a dashing cape.

Taylor said today's khaki attired British troops looked like "lumps on legs" in uniforms he described variously as "horrible," "hideous" and "in the worst conceivable taste."

Taylor agreed that khaki might be all right for battle and other service wear, but he said that if soldiers wore "a sexy uniform like mine" in public the British army would "attract every red-blooded man in Britain."

But it looked today as if the war office, considering the new uniform issue, would veto Taylor's suggestions out of hand.

"We really aren't planning to build our army around so-called sexy clothing," one source said.

Red Rocket Firing May Have Failed

Washington — Dr. John P. Hagen, chief of the U.S. vanguard satellite project suggested as "a speculative possibility" Saturday that the Russians may have tried to fire a rocket to the moon and failed.

He quickly added, however that "we have no evidence that they did."

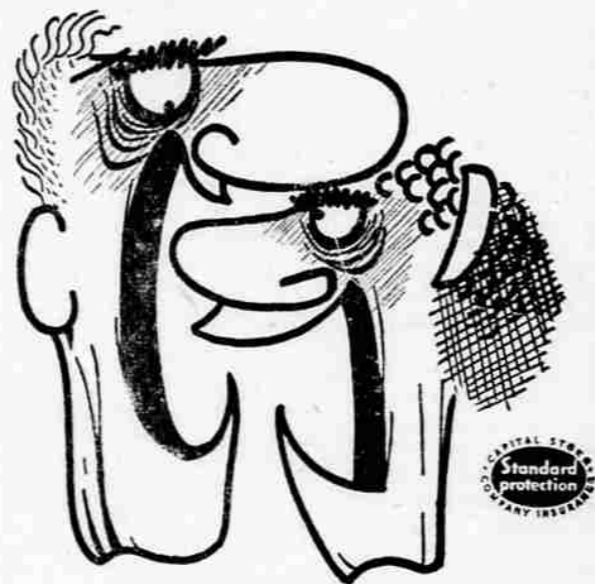
Dr. Hagen discussed the obstacles to a "moon shoot" in reply to questions about the fact that the Russians have not maintained their expected satellite launching schedule.

The United States has yet to get a satellite into orbit. It now hopes to do so next March. A test satellite launcher exploded on the pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., Dec. 6. Dr. Hagen said another test will be made "fairly soon" but he refused to say whether he meant in the next few days or weeks. The plan now is: No advance publicity like that which preceded the Dec. 6 attempt.

TV TOWER RISES

London — Work has begun on a 1,033 foot mast for the Leningrad television center, Moscow Radio said Sunday night. It said the mast would be the highest in the Soviet Union and 49 feet taller than the Eiffel Tower.

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