

# Family Council

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**Mrs. L. F.**—I am sure he'll come home someday.



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**Myrna F.**—I am a widow of 24 with a terrible problem. My husband was reported missing in action in Korea six years ago and I have given no reason to hope he will ever return.

I want very much to marry again. I loved my husband, but I have been terribly lonely. Besides, I have a son and I think he should have a father. A very nice man wants to marry me and adopt my son. He can provide us with a nice home and other comforts.

My in-laws are very much opposed to this marriage because they still have hope my husband will return. They have been very good to me and I don't want to hurt them, but how long can I go on like this? I just don't share their hope.

**Mrs. L. F.**—I just know my son will come home someday. I have had many dreams, vivid as life, that he will walk right in the front door. How will Myrna feel then when she is illegally and immorally living with another man? How will she and he both feel when another man has taken his place as father to the boy?

We are sympathetic with Myrna's loneliness and we have tried to help her by providing her with companionship, free time and treats such as shows and sports events.

We are really shocked that Myrna should consider a thing like this. It would kill us to have our grandson bear another man's name and look upon him as a father. We know the man Myrna wants to marry and he doesn't come anywhere near our son.

**The Council:** There are two separate problems here—a legal and a human one.

The Army's "administrative finding" of death, issued after 12 months, suffices for insurance purposes, but has no bearing on Myrna's marital status. It does not make her legally free. Her status depends on the state she is living in, and she must consult its laws. In most cases a waiting period of several years is required. Myrna would also be wise to consult a clergyman and get the position of her church in this matter.

If the road to a second marriage is clear from a legal standpoint and if Myrna is clear about her position from a moral point of view, she should deal with her in-laws as gently and firmly as possible. She should not let them play on her feelings in a way that makes it impossible for her to create a new life for herself.

**Mrs. L. F.** should recognize that, while dreams sometimes do materialize in real life, one cannot accept them as prophecies. They are more likely a fulfillment of wishes. It is cruel to crucify this young woman's future because of a dream. Surely Mrs. L. F. realizes the companionship and "treats" she provides are mighty poor substitutes for life with a husband.

We do feel, however, out of deference to the feelings of her in-laws and her son, Myrna should not commit herself to permitting her son to be adopted. It is natural for the L. F.'s to want the boy to bear his father's name.

In later years, if the boy himself wants to be adopted by his stepfather, the matter might come up for consideration again. But it would be best to leave the decision up to him when he understands the many factors to be considered.

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## Beck's Traffic Case Postponed

Tulare, Calif.—A traffic violation case involving former Teamsters Union boss Dave Beck Sr., 64, Seattle, has been delayed until June 4.

Justice Ward G. Rush granted the postponement Wednesday when an attorney attempted to enter a plea for Beck, who is charged with driving on the wrong side of the road. Rush said he wanted Beck to appear in person.

Beck was cited April 25 by a highway patrolman for driving south in the northbound lane of U.S. 99 freeway about four miles north of Tulare. Beck told the officer he had missed an access road to a restaurant, made a "U" turn and attempted to drive back.

# Nixon's Visit Seen Spark To Set Off Anti-U.S. Feeling in Latin America

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Washington—The elements of an anti-United States explosion have been building up in Latin America for a long time. Vice President Richard M. Nixon's visit was merely the spark that ignited them.

According to the best information available here, there were two principal ingredients in the combustible mixture which erupted in mob violence against the Vice President.

One was deliberate instigation by the Communist Party, which has made substantial advances in Latin America in the past two years, and which now has a disturbing degree of influence in several key countries.

The other was widespread population resentment of U.S. policies, particularly trade and foreign aid policies which many Latin Americans blame for their current economic difficulties.

It can be stated authoritatively that U.S. intelligence foresaw the likelihood that these two ingredients would unite noisily during Nixon's trip. Warnings to that effect were weighed before Nixon's departure, against the possible good will to be won by the Vice President's appearance in eight neighbor nations.

It was not a surprise to informed officials here—although it may have been to the general U.S. public—that the Communists have enough

of a foothold in Latin America to stir up considerable mischief.

Communist strength in South America is now estimated at 200,000 card-carrying party members, plus about 500,000 active sympathizers or fellow-travelers.

The most rapid Communist gains have been made in Argentina.

Venezuela, where the worst rioting against Nixon took place, has 9,000 known Communists. A Communist weekly newspaper published in Caracas, Tribuna Popular, has

a circulation of 100,000. The Communist Party has recently gained both prestige and influence in Venezuela because of its participation in the four-party "Popular Front" supporting the military junta that ousted dictator Perez Jimenez last January.

The hard fact is, Latin Americans don't feel that Uncle Sam has been doing very well by them. They are keenly aware that of all the billions the United States has spent on foreign aid since World War II, only two per cent has gone to nations in

this hemisphere. And most of that has been in the form of repayable, interest-bearing loans.

An even greater grievance is the conviction held by many Latin Americans that U.S. trade policy is undependable, short-sighted and often disastrous to nations which must depend for their livelihood on exports of raw materials.

**Clamor for Oil Quotas**

Venezuela, for example, relies heavily on oil exports. When U.S. purchases of Venezuelan oil are limited by "voluntary" quotas—as they

are at present—and when domestic producers clamor for even stricter curbs, Venezuelans feel that the knife is being applied to their economic throat.

Similar examples can be cited for every South American country.

Chile, which once sold most of its copper to the United States, is upset about the administration's proposal to impose a two per cent duty on copper imports. Chile recently accepted a Russian order for 18,000 tons of copper—a normal year's output of its

mines.

U.S. purchases of Uruguayan wool have dropped from \$100 million a year to \$13 million a year in the past six years.

Colombia and Brazil are suffering from a drop in coffee prices—and smarting from U.S. refusal to enter into a stabilization agreement.

Argentina and Uruguay resent the absolute ban on exports of their meat into the United States—a ban which is officially based on sanitary reasons.

Peru is distressed about its declining shipments of lead

and zinc—and particularly about the drive now under way in Congress to amend the U.S. trade law to impose import quotas on those metals.

Underlying all of these is a factor that President Eisenhower mentioned at his news conference Wednesday.

Latin Americans inevitably feel toward the United States some of the envy, the instinctive dislike, which neighbors throughout the world harbor for the richest family in the block.

These are the feelings, skillfully exploited by Communist

agitators, that blew up in Nixon's face.

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