

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Frank D.** — My second wife thinks about the past.  
**Isabel D.** — My first husband was such a live wire.

**Frank D.** — I am a man of 50 with grown and married children. My wife died three years ago, and last year I met a widow of about my own age and we were married soon afterward.

My new wife, Isabel, is a good homemaker and I am trying to make her very happy and comfortable, but no matter what I do Isabel doesn't seem to be satisfied with me. She keeps talking about the wonderful times she always had with her first husband and all her old friends. Sometimes she cries or suddenly breaks out into loud laughing and says she thought of something funny her first husband told her.

## Russians Invade Shetland Islands To Seek Deserter

Lerwick, Scotland—(UPI)—Thirty shouting Russians invaded the bleak Shetland Islands Wednesday night in a bizarre chase of a seaman who slipped overboard from a Soviet ship in a desperate bid for freedom.

Started islanders, on late night checks of their sheep flocks and farms, watched awestruck as the panic-stricken fugitive bounded across the heather-covered moors. The faint rays of the "midnight sun" showed his pursuers landing in small boats and racing after the defector. He stumbled once or twice but gained ground and the chase finally stopped.

The pursuers held a quick discussion and then went back out to their North Sea herring fleet anchored off the west coast.

The fugitive made it to a cottage and a sympathetic householder took him in and called police.

The refugee, identified only as an Estonian, pleaded with authorities for asylum.

"They'll kill me if you send me back," he said. He was taken to the police station where British Home Office officials began questioning him.

This morning, three Soviet fishing boats steamed boldly into Lerwick Harbor and the senior captain demanded an interview with the seaman. He was turned down and the Russians withdrew.

A spokesman at the Home Office in London said no decision has been taken on whether to protest the Russian "invasion."

## Teller Embarrassed By Police Cars

Portland — (UPI) — Several police cars dashed to the U. S. National motorbank Thursday when a holdup alarm sounded but they discovered an embarrassed young woman teller had accidentally touched the alarm button.

Coal accounts for 50 per cent of the total fuel consumption by the United States cement industry during a year.

**Isabel D.** — My first husband was dead just a little over a year when I married Frank, so naturally everything is fresher with me than it is with him. I haven't had as much time to forget.

My first husband was as different from Frank as night from day. He was a real live wire, always making jokes and cutting up and everyone around him always had a swell time.

Frank is a very good man, but life with him is so quiet. I'm just not used to it. I don't think I'm being disloyal if I think about the past.

Even my children tell me they think of the swell times they had with their father. When we get together we have a good time just talking about some of the things we all used to do together. It doesn't mean I'm not happy with Frank.

The Council: The experiences of a first marriage can sometimes help enrich a second marriage — or they can stand in the way of the second marriage's ever really developing.

Isabel's first marriage seems to stand in the way. It is possible she remarried before she was fully ready for it, but the factors that led her to take the step must have been strong. She should be aware of them in order to make the most of her present marriage.

As long as she is so completely dominated by the memory of her first husband, Isabel cannot really get to know Frank. Her first husband was evidently a vital, exuberant person who forcefully impressed his personality on others. Probably it is much harder to get to know Frank, but he undoubtedly has fine and interesting qualities beneath his quieter exterior.

Isabel seems to expect her second husband to be an exact substitute for her first. But this is impossible. Her relationship with Frank will be different in thousands of ways from her relationship with the first man.

When she makes the effort to come out of the past enough to form vital ties with her present husband, she may be surprised to find she can enjoy life with him in a completely new way.

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