

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

DO YOU THINK it's easy to bring out a newspaper once a week in a small town? Listen to this sob-story from the Star Valley (Afton, Wyo.) Independent:

"Publishing a small paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly; if we don't, they say we are too serious."

"If we stick to the office all day, we ought to be out hunting things to write about; if we go out and try to hustle some news, we ought to be on the job in the office."

"If we don't accept contributions, we don't appreciate genius; if we print them, the paper is full of junk. If we edit the other fellow's story, we are too critical; if we don't, we're asleep."

"If we clip things from other papers, we're too lazy to write them; if we don't, we're stuck with our own stuff. Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other paper. . . . We did, and admit it."

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Nasser Rides High, But Faces Serious Economic Problems

By CHARLES M. McCANN
UPI Foreign News Analyst

President Gamal Abdel Nasser is riding high in prestige—but he has a monumental problem that remains unsolved.

That problem is to better the lot of the ordinary Egyptian who hails him as a hero.

Nasser has nationalized the Suez Canal. He has joined Egypt and Syria in his United Arab Republic. Pro-Nasser elements have seized power in Iraq. They present a grim danger to Lebanon and Jordan. Nasser has made himself the dominant figure in the Arab world.

But all Nasser's triumphs have done nothing to improve his country's weak economy. Egypt remains poverty-stricken, as it was when Nasser and his fellow conspirators unseated King Farouk six years ago.

His policies have deprived Egypt of the economic aid which the United States and Great Britain might have given it.

He has tied Egypt's economy dangerously close to that of Soviet Russia and its satellites. Egypt is spending much more for foreign goods than it gets for its exports. Russia, instead of the Western countries, is buying most of Egypt's

cotton. But Egypt cannot get from Russia the goods that it needs.

This situation is not entirely Nasser's fault. A lot of Egyptians are better off than they were under Farouk.

Notably, Nasser has broken up Egypt's big estates. Hundreds of thousands of fellaheen—peasants—now own little farms of two to five acres. Rents of tenant farmers have been reduced to one-third the amount paid under Farouk.

The government is opening up many rural community centers, each consisting of a hospital, a school and a meeting place. New schools are being opened at the rate of two every three days.

But Egypt's population of 23,400,000 is increasing at the rate of 500,000 a year.

Needs More Land

One great need—a desperate one—is for more land. Egypt's people are crowded into a narrow strip of six million acres of fertile land surrounded by 244 million acres of sand.

Nasser's dream is to add two million fertile acres by building the gigantic Aswan dam. That project received a big setback when his tie-in with Russia caused the United States and Britain to cancel credits they had promised.

Nasser has another answer to his problem—industrialization. He plans factories of all sorts—sugar refineries, automobile factories, steel mills. He has just opened the first steel mill.

Russian and West German credits are helping him here. But industrialization is a long-range project. What he needs is equipment from the Western countries. To get it, he must increase Egypt's exports to them.

Nasser's big trouble is that while he is winning victories in the Arab world, his country is in danger of going broke.

Reservists Leave for Two-Week Training

Portland — (UPI) — Approximately 440 Air Force and Coast Guard reservists left here Saturday for their annual two-week active training duty camp.

Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, will be the training base for the Air Force reservists, members of the 313th Troop Carrier Squadron.

Ciro's Auction Recalls Some Famous Fisticuffs

By VERNON SCOTT

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Baghdad — This country ought to be a fisherman's paradise. Aside from the immense Tigris and Euphrates, there is a welter of waterways which, though nothing like what it was eight centuries ago before the Mongols devastated the land, is still impressive.

Yesterday, I drove for a while along the great Narwan Canal, a 350-foot wide ditch that parallels the Tigris for 300 miles. It was part of Nebuchadnezzar's irrigation

system some of which is still in use.

Less than 40 years ago lions were still trapped in the reedy jungles that cover hundreds of miles of the marshes and waterways system. In fact, it would be foolish for anyone to say lions are extinct here now—though some say it.

We went up one of the reedy waterways some 60 miles south of the city and did a little fishing. Carp seized the bread-paste baited hooks greedily. They were big fellows. Several were a good two feet long and one of them was a goldfish.

I wasn't too surprised at that. I saw a goldfish a few years ago that was caught in a California slough and he measured a trifle over 30 inches. The goldfish, furthermore, is an Asiatic carp that has been exported over most of the civilized world since his arrival in Europe three centuries or so ago from China.

Survival Chances Good

While most of us think of him as native to a glass bowl, his chances of survival are pretty good no matter where he is released. It is true that his color makes him a conspicuous target for other fish, that he has no speed for escape and no worthwhile means of defense.

Nonetheless, like other carp he has a birth rate that enables him to compete successfully and all he needs for food is adequate vegetation, especially of the kind that grows in slow rivers and quiet ponds. That's plus the tiny mollusks it attracts, is what he likes.

Incidentally, though goldfish released to the wild state show a tendency to revert to the normal dull color of the carp in succeeding generations, the reversion will never be complete. The reason is that domestic goldfish, have been produced by inbreeding captured wild carp albino.

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They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Sputnik Rocket Will Be Visible Over Northwest

Portland — (UPI) — The rocket of Sputnik III will pass over the North American continent several times today and Tuesday, according to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Institute. All times are Pacific Standard.

Tonight the rocket will pass north of Hudson Bay, Canada at 6:19 p.m. and will then move into the earth's shadow over the north Atlantic at 6:27 p.m.

West of Hudson Bay

Also the rocket will pass west of Hudson Bay at 8:01 p.m. and will enter the earth's shadow over Nova Scotia at 8:09 p.m. It is expected to be visible from Washington to South Carolina.

The next pass enters over Northwest Canada at 9:44 p.m. and passes into the shadow over Michigan at 9:52 p.m. It should be visible over the entire United States, with the exception of the Southwest.

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Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled Aug. 16

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Medford Tuesday, Aug. 12, for its regular visit. The local Red Cross office has announced.

Quota for the visit is 290 pints, for which 350 donors will be necessary, they said. The Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave., between 1 and 6 p.m.

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Escaped Idaho Convict Captured In Police Chase

Pendleton — (UPI) — An escaped prisoner from the Idaho State Penitentiary's Eagle Island dairy farm who changed clothes with a woman missionary to escape detection was apprehended by a state policeman near Adams, Ore., Saturday afternoon after a two-hour chase.

Patrolman Melvin P. Hewitt captured the armed convict, James Finas Aiken, 30, when the man tried to sneak past a police car on a side road off Highway 11 about 20 miles north of Pendleton.

Woman Tied

During the chase Aiken stole a car, changed clothes with a woman and tied her up and left her in the first car he had taken. The woman was Loma Mae Jones, director of education for the Oregon Christian Missionary society, police said. She was en route from Portland to Cove to attend a young people's church camp.

Aiken got away from the prison farm after locking the wife of the camp's dairyman in her home, seizing a shotgun and stealing a car for the getaway. Aiken was serving a 14-year term for forgery at the penitentiary.

Oregon authorities said Aiken was seen east of Pendleton shortly after they received word he was in the area with a stolen car. A police patrol spotted the car and gave chase but Aiken got away by turning off onto a side road.

Changed Clothes

That was where he ran into Miss Jones, who had parked along the road. Armed with the shotgun, he took \$3 from her and changed clothes with her. She was wearing a jacket and a pair of levis at the time. Police said he tied her up, put her in his car, then he fled in her car.

She was found by police a short while later and a description of her car was broadcast to all points in the area. Hewitt spotted the car and gave chase.

Police said Aiken was being held in the Umatilla county jail here in lieu of \$10,000 bail on charges of assault, robbery and being armed with a dangerous weapon.

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X-Ray for Shoe Sales Forbidden in Oregon

Portland — (UPI) — Effective Sept. 1, X-ray machines for demonstrating and selling shoes will be banned in Oregon.

gon, according to the Oregon State Board of Health.

The board said the machines were considered "potentially" harmful to customers and salesmen. They were also of not much help in fitting people with shoes, the board said.

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