

Japanese Turning To Psychology as Next Best Thing To Air Conditioning

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Tokyo—(UPI)—The Japanese are fighting summer's heat with the next best thing to air-conditioning—psychology. In terms that the average, sweltering man will understand, they are trying to think themselves cool.

This is no simple feat, and the Japanese have spent centuries perfecting an elaborate set of gimmicks to help their mental air-conditioning systems to function smoothly.

One is the wind-bell, a simple, charming device that captures the faintest breath of a

breeze and magnifies it into a tinkling little sound. Almost every home and office has one.

Most gardens are equipped with water spouts that release a tiny trickle of water. The constant "drip, drip" sound was used quite effectively by medieval torturers to drive their captives mad, but if you're in the right frame of mind, the dripping noise actually helps you to think cool.

Real Cool

In the doorways of many department stores and large shops, the Japanese set a

large chunk of ice atop a stand. The ice often is sculptured in the shape of animals and surrounded by cool-looking sprigs of leaves.

The theaters do their part too. At Tokyo's Kokusai Theater the "Atomic Girls"—billed as the hottest things in town when the weather is cooler—cavort amidst waterfalls, gushing streams, ponds and occasional thundershowers.

The traditional Japanese Kabuki Theater also offers summer plots with plenty of water but the Kabuki has something even better to chill the audience—ghost plays.

Nearly every summer program includes the "Yotsuya Kaidan," a spine-tingling drama written during the 18th century.

Sad Story

The beautiful heroine, in ghastly succession, is poisoned, finds that her hair is falling out and her face growing disfigured, as a result, stabs herself and watches helplessly, in her last moment, as a giant rat chews her newly-born baby to death.

That's not the end of the horror, either. She becomes a ghost and, after learning her husband has poisoned her and killed her father, haunts him until he dies in a final, agony-drenched scene.

The Japanese also have a few other techniques for beating the heat. On the theory that if you whack yourself over the head with a hammer your headache won't seem half as bad, many of them take summer baths where the water is just under the boiling point.

They emerge bright red and sweat for hours afterward, but the explanation is that since it's indisputably cooler outside the bath, then the bath is refreshing.

Quotes From the News

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Gov. Orval Faubus, on the school integration issue:
"You know, I suppose 90 per cent of the people in the North think I am the most rabid segregationist in the South."

Seoul—Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker, advising Russia and Red China on Formosa:
"If they underestimate or misinterpret the statements of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles they will be sorry for it."

Los Angeles—Madame Chiang Kai-shek, opposing trade with Communist countries:
"With time, the trade balance each year will be increasingly in their favor since, by the employment of slave labor, the Communist bloc, through a policy of dumping, can always undersell the free world."

Santa Monica, Calif.—Actress Margaret O'Brien, on the death of her mother:
"Mother and I were very close. It was her seventh time in the hospital. I visited her daily and came home at night."

New England Area Expected To Escape Hurricane This Year

Miami—(UPI)—The "educated guess" of the man who should know is that New England will escape a hurricane this year, and Florida and the Gulf coast will get one—maybe.

But Gordon Dunn, chief forecaster at the Miami Weather Bureau's Hurricane Central, wants to make it clear that this is only a guess, not a forecast.

He based his opinion largely on the antics of the pressure and wind patterns over the North American continent and over the Atlantic Ocean.

Those pressures and winds go a long way toward determining the kind of weather we will have each day. And recently they have been out of place, causing the cockeyed weather that had Floridians shivering through one of the coldest winters in history and now sweating through one of the hottest summers.

Here, in a nutshell, is what Dunn thinks probably will happen on the hurricane front and why.

Less Favorable Conditions
"First of all, conditions are less favorable than average for hurricane formation," he said.

This is due to two things. The Azores-Bermuda high, a giant mass of comparatively cool air, is riding farther south in the Atlantic. This is squeezing the spawning grounds of hurricanes in the south Atlantic into a smaller area, thus reducing the room for storm development.

Secondly, the high-level westerly winds blowing from the mainland are much farther south than usual. This means that if a hurricane does come out of the Atlantic and head toward the middle or Eastern Seaboard the westerlies probably would push the hurricane back out to sea.

"Because of this, chances of a storm hitting north of Cape Hatteras are very remote," Dunn said. "Chances it would hit Jacksonville, Fla., are less than normal, and chances it would hit Miami, in the center of the hurricane belt, are probably a little less than normal."

"However," he cautioned, "this is not true for the Gulf of Mexico area."

Fairly Straight Shot

Neither the westerlies nor the Bermuda high will have much effect on storms brewing in the southeastern Caribbean. If they form there, they will have a fairly straight, unobstructed shot at the Caribbean islands, Mexico, Central America or the Gulf coast of the United States.

For the last two years it has been the Gulf coast that has been taking it on the chin from the tropical monsters.

Two hurricanes smacked into almost the same place on the Louisiana coast in 1957. One of them, Audrey, went down as one of the most destructive hurricanes in history, killing more than 500 persons and causing more than 100 million dollars in damage.

Poor Eyesight Said One Of Basic Crash Causes

Chicago—How's your eyesight?

If you drive a car the condition of your eyes should be of great concern to you, naturally. Yet, according to a professor of ophthalmology, poor eyesight probably is one of the basic causes of traffic accidents.

About 35,000 drivers in motor vehicle accidents in 1956 were reported to have defective eyesight, according to the National Safety Council. Add to that the number of accidents that result from blocked vision, and you can see just how important sight is to motorists.

In more than a million auto accidents in 1956, not being able to see clearly was a contributing factor. In about half of the million accidents, obstructions on the vehicle—most important of which were rain or snow on the windshield—were factors.

Highway obstructions such

as trees, bushes, buildings and signboards were the culprits in more than 200,000 of the million accidents.

How can the problem be solved?

1. Don't drive if your eyesight's so bad it can't be corrected with glasses.
2. Reduce your speed 5 or 10 m.p.h. so you'll have more time to spot hazards ahead.



DENYING everything, Mrs. Horace Dodge II, wife of auto heir, is awaiting trial in Los Angeles on suspicion of battery and drunkenness.

Corvallis Man Dies in Rescue

Corvallis—(UPI)—A Corvallis millworker was drowned Thursday as he attempted to rescue a six-year-old girl who was drifting into the main channel of the Willamette river while she sat in an inner tube.

John Gallaway, 28, apparently stepped into a deep hole as he waded into a Riverside lagoon near here in an effort to pull the girl to shore.

The girl, Linda Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Jones, was pulled to safety by witnesses.

Gallaway was caring for five children picnicking beside the river when the girl called for help.

After about 25 minutes of grappling, the Corvallis fire department recovered the body. All efforts to revive Gallaway failed. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gallaway, and a sister.

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