

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

IT WAS RAINING cats and dogs, but a gallant driver saw a woman alone in the mud trying to change a flat tire, and couldn't bear passing her by. He completed the job for her and, soaked to the skin, exclaimed jovially, "There, little lady, that's done." "Quiet," she ordered him. "You'll wake up my husband. He's taking a nap in the back seat."



A plumber left a big party and climbed into a taxicab. "Take us to the Waldorf," he ordered the driver. "You're alone," the latter pointed out. "Where's your girl friend?" The plumber clapped a hand to his forehead. "Gadzooks!" he exclaimed, "I've forgotten my wrench."

Paul Smith defines a bachelor as a gent who comes to his office every A. M. from a different direction.

Leo Guild defines a TV spectacular as the bill you get from the repairman.

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New Try Made To End Paper Strike

New York —(UPI)— The nation's top labor mediator tries again today to end New York's week-long newspaper strike but he said there was "no basis at this time for optimism."

Joseph F. Finnegan, chief of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation service flew here from Washington to try to iron out differences between the publishers of nine major dailies and the striking mail and newspaper deliverers' union.

He said both groups would send negotiators to the regional mediation office today, but he was not sure the two teams would meet jointly.

WIDOW DIES
New York —(UPI)— Mrs. Virginia Gillette White, 71, widow of Thomas J. White, former general manager of the Hearst organization, died at St. Luke's hospital Monday after a brief illness. White died in 1948.

SPELLMAN SEES POPE
Vatican City —(UPI)— Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, was received in private audience today by Pope John XXIII.

ence to Alabama, where ill-advised Southerners are refusing to turn over to the Civil Rights commission precinct records bearing on alleged DISCRIMINATION against colored voters, that the records should be turned over and that discrimination, if it exists, must be ABANDONED.

Voting, he thinks, is one of the "unalienable rights" of man mentioned in the preamble of our immortal Declaration of Independence. Senator Johnson, Southerner though he is, believes it MUST NOT be hobbled.

HE KNOWS, of course, that if the colored people of the South CAN and DO vote the troublesome problem of integration of the races will eventually solve itself in the only way in which it can be solved — that is to say, by ultimate EQUALITY.

But as an enlightened Southerner he believes in facing the future and accepting what it brings. Let's close this dissertation on public men with these lines from Josiah Gilbert Holland's poem "The Day's Demand": "God give us men! A time like this demands 'Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; 'Men whom the lust of office does not kill; 'Men whom the spoils of office can not buy. . . . 'Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog 'In public duty and in private thinking."

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Market Seen Well Grounded On Improved Business Outlook

By ELMER C. WALZER, UPI Financial Editor

New York —(UPI)— Investors Advisory Service in its forecast issue poses the question: "Should one sell on good news?"

This question, it points out, is exactly opposite to that which pervaded the market in the beginning of 1958. Then it was: "Should one buy on bad news?"

The service holds that the market in coming months appears to be well grounded on an improving business outlook, but adds that it already has reflected the economic rebound and a breathing spell could be in order.

For the first half of 1959, Investors Institute anticipates intermittent corrections. But, it adds, declines should not be severe, as the market has potentially strong supports which should moderate any reversal.

It looks for strong support at the 500 level in the Dow-Jones industrials in event of a reversal. On the upside, successful penetration of 572 could spur the average into the 600s, the institute says.

Christmas Tree Price Tags Higher

New York —(UPI)— Price tags on Christmas trees this year will run up to 10 per cent higher than last season, a survey by United Press International has shown.

Wholesale prices are up nearly \$1 a bundle—usually five trees — because of short supply and higher labor costs. Bad weather has curtailed tree cutting and a tree moth infestation in Canada is expected to create quarantine problems at U. S. import points.

A third of the 40 million trees sold annually come from Canadian forests.

Hatfield Appoints Cross as Assistant

Salem —(UPI)— Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield Monday announced the appointments of Travis Cross as Hatfield's assistant and news secretary and Eunice Peckenpaugh as secretary.

Cross, former assistant to the chancellor of higher education, was administrative assistant in the secretary of state's office before resigning last summer to devote full time to the Hatfield campaign. Miss Peckenpaugh is a member of the advertising staff of the Statesman-Journal newspapers in Salem.

FUN FOR ALL
Bassfield, Miss. —(UPI)— John Adam Faler added a teaser to the invitations to his birthday party that ought to guarantee near-perfect attendance. Faler, 86, promised to "dance and kick up my heels."

1959 with the Federal Reserve Board's production increase rising to 145 per cent of the 1947-1949 average in the first half. This compares with 138 in October and 126 last April. The November figure was 141.

Corporation earnings could be up substantially next year, the institute says—possibly 15 to 20 per cent above this year's and that would bring the price-earning ratio of stocks down to about 14 from the current 20.

The Expected
"What is expected," the service continues, "is creation of a broad trading range for the general stock list. Such a situation would be healthy, as it would enable the market to consolidate its rapid gains for 1958 and form a base for future advance."

It warns that the average investor will have to act with prudence, exercise his ingenuity and frequently be guided by expediency. Excessive pessimism or excessive bullishness must be ruled out, it holds.

"The long term outlook with its strong growth factors of population increase and technological improvement, continues to look extremely bright."

The service lists the following check-list for the individual investor:
"Rallies should be used to eliminate weak stocks, upgrade Portfolios and protect profits in issues which have exhausted their near-term potentials."

"Holdings should be brought into line with basic investment objectives."
"Portfolios should contain a good percentage of soundly managed issues with a record of stability of earnings and continuity of dividends."

"Selective purchases in under-valued stocks may be made."
"Adequate reserves, depending upon individual investment objectives, should be maintained."

Promising Groups
Among the most promising groups, the institute lists aluminum, amusements, drugs, electrical controls, electronics, natural gas, office equipment, paper and retail trade-mail order.

Average groups are listed as follows: aircraft, apparel, automotive, banks, building supplies and equipment, chemicals, copper, electrical equipment, finance companies, food products, glass, lead and zinc, machinery, metal fabricators, oil, retail trade-department stores, rubber, soft drinks, steel and utilities.

Least attractive groups include airline, brewing, cotton products, gold mining, leather, railroads-eastern, shoes, variety chains, and wool.
The institute looks for a brighter economic picture in

Oregon May Lose Quality Teachers

Portland —(UPI)— Oregon is in danger of losing top teachers to other states because of low salaries, the Board of Higher Education was told Monday.

The warning came from Wesley C. Bellaine, president of the Oregon chapter of the Federation of American Association of University Professors. He said a cut to 4 per cent from a recommended 11 per cent salary increase figure "would be simply disastrous."

Bellaine said an increase of "at least 17 per cent" is necessary to maintain quality teachers in Oregon.

The world's largest fish cold storage plant is at Prince Rupert, B.C.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Newton, Iowa —(UPI)— When police recovered a car stolen by three teen-agers Monday, the senior members of the trio, aged 15, was teaching his two younger companions to drive.

COW HAS QUADS

Eccodido, Calif. —(UPI)— Quadruplets were born today to a Holstein cow at the Hollandia Dairy, an occurrence rated as a once in a century happening by high school agricultural instructor Jack Fulton.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk about people today — starting with John Foster Dulles. He's quite a person.

For days he had been in Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington — resting up, according to the official explanation. For goodness knows how long, he had been commuting all over the world. That's wearing on a 70-year-old. I think most of us must agree he had a rest coming.

But time ran out on him. The Russians are acting up again. This time about West Berlin. Something must be done to checkmate their latest devilry. Who must do it? Why, John Foster Dulles, of course. This is foreign affairs, and Dulles is America's foreign minister.

SO HE gets out of his hospital bed, calls briefly on President Eisenhower on his way to the airport, then climbs into a plane and heads for Paris. He lands at Orly Airfield, in a Paris suburb, climbs into a car and in almost less time than it takes to tell it he is in a heavy conference with our allies in the West Berlin business.

Whatever else he is, he is tough. It must be added that he is DEDICATED.

HE ISN'T popular — either at home or abroad.

But Dean Acheson, Dulles' immediate predecessor, wasn't popular. Nor was General George C. Marshall, Acheson's predecessor. Why? I'll risk a guess. For a LONG time, the United States

of America hasn't had a foreign policy the people BELIEVE IN so fundamentally, so fiercely, that they are willing to DIE in defense of it.

THAT leads us to another personage.

Robert Murphy, our state department's top trouble-shooter, tells the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco that in proposing that the Big Four powers pull out of Berlin the Russians may have "led with their chins."

What he means is that the Russians may have opened up a Pandora's Box in Berlin and MIGHT get badly stung by the troubles that will fly out of it. He is intimating that they might get shoved out of Berlin themselves.

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