



**TRIUMPHANT ARRIVAL**—Crew of the balloon "Small World" is welcomed on its arrival in Barbados after drifting and sailing 3000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean, from the Canary Islands to the West Indies. Seated center are Colin Mudie, 32, and his wife Rosemary, and behind Mrs. Mudie is Arnold Eiloart, another member of the crew. Part way across the balloon came down and they floated the rest of the way in the gondola.

## The Family Council Smart TV Square

**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.

**Mr. T. G.**—My wife and I are very much concerned about our 17-year-old son, Bob, who seems to be straying away from the best we have been able to give him in his upbringing.

We were never strictly religious, yet we tried to instill the fundamentals of religious faith and ethics in our children. There are four others, both younger and older than Bob, and they have taken to these teachings. Some are less actively interested than others, but none have taken Bob's attitude of sneering and mockery.

It is not purely the religious question that worries us. Bob scoffs at all morality. He gets very worked up about these things. It seems more than a case of adolescent rebellion. I'm afraid he's going to act on some of his ideas—and that would lead to tragedy.

**Robert G.**—My father has always considered himself a man of reason, but at the first hint of rational discussion he has threatened to run me out of the house. He expects me to be like my brothers and sisters—to follow blindly with never a hint of challenge.

Well, I'm just not built that way. I always did think there was a lot of hypocrisy in my home and now that I'm old enough to evaluate what goes on I can see that my parents are really very confused, frightened and insincere.

Here is the kind of thing I mean: my father is quick to condemn any man or woman who strays from the straight and narrow path as far as sex and marriage are concerned, but I have watched him look at some of my sister's friends in a leering way. Isn't that pretty miserable behavior from a holier-than-thou man?

**The Council**—Robert seems to be having some fairly severe conflicts and we suspect that some of his worst difficulties are not in the home at all, but are in the area of his social relations with boys and girls in his own age group.

The T. G.'s should recog-

nize that rebellion is the weapon adolescents must use to find their own individuality and define their own personalities. If the youngster finds a lot of personal expression in school, hobby and social activities, his flare-ups at home are more likely to be widely spaced and not too intense.

If the young boy or girl does not develop personal strength and importance through some objective activity, he or she is more likely to feel crushed by powerful parents. Such an adolescent is likely to feel ashamed of his parents and be very critical of them. He deeply resents his own smallness and weakness next to them and tries to pull them down from their exaggerated position of importance to him.

It takes some clever maneuvering to avoid getting involved in such a youngster's trap. A child-parent feud can be created which lasts for years and serves as the youngster's only form of serious activity.

We would recommend that the T.G.'s avoid acknowledging Robert's below-the-belt personal attacks, but that they show him they are interested in his finding his own understanding of life and morality through serious study and questioning. They should encourage him to read more about his religion and take some of his questions to his clergyman. They should try to help him find his vocational inclination and guide him into developing his abilities.

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### BRITISH COWPOKE

Hollywood - (UP) - Martin Stephens, 9, figures he'll be the best-dressed cowpoke in London when he goes back home to England after completing his role in MGM's "Count Your Blessings." He came to this country in early fall, began saving every stray bit of change and now has bought a western outfit, complete from Stetson to spurs.



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