

They'll Do It Every Time By Jimmy Hatlo



Back Stairs: Speaking While Standing

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Washington —(AP)— Back stairs at the White House: President Eisenhower has a theory that talking while standing tends to make a speaker husky of voice more than the same amount of conversation sitting down.

When he finished his State of the Union Message to Congress last Friday, he told House Speaker Sam Rayburn: "Talking while I'm on my feet a long time makes my voice husky."

That is what he was saying to Rayburn as television viewers from coast to coast saw the President, at the conclusion of his address, turn to Rayburn and gesture toward his own throat.

Televised Meetings
Leo. A. Hoegh, the director of defense and civil mobilization, says he thinks the President should arrange for televised Cabinet meetings to show his leadership in action.

Hoegh may not remember, but this has been tried by the Eisenhower administration. A pre-arranged type of panel discussion between the President and some of his Cabinet has attracted favorable response and may be tried again by the White House this spring.

Televising a genuine Cabinet meeting simply would not work. Hoegh thinks it would be a wonderful idea, but what would others think if the cameras showed the President wouldn't stand for this sort of camera exposure.

He refuses to be photographed in church.

Rather Dull Fare
Unless there was some stalling and pre-planning, a Cabinet meeting might prove to be a rather dull TV fare. A simulated Cabinet meeting might be attempted; a real one, never. Too many secrets are disclosed in Cabinet; too many official family differences are aired.

Press Secretary Jim Hagerty is dead set against an

CARDINAL PRAISES TV
Paris —(AP)— Maurice Cardinal Feltrin, archbishop of Paris, praised television Sunday for its power to keep families home at night. In a special Mass in Notre Dame cathedral, the cardinal said "this little screen keeps many to the family hearth, who would otherwise be tempted to look for distractions outside the home."

idea that pops up occasionally involving the President and television. That is the suggestion that Congress should pass some sort of law requiring the networks to yield time to the President for live broadcasts whenever the White House makes such a request.

Hagerty recently told TV Guide Magazine, "Personally, I would hate to see such a law. We don't need one; I've never been refused time by the networks yet. This is a free country and we ought to have free communications."

Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins



THE "WATER TIGER" HAS A HIDEOUS WEAPON
No more hideous brew was ever concocted in a witch's caldron, or in the laboratory of a madman, than the fluid injected into a living body by the larva of a common aquatic insect.

A fluid so insidious that it liquefies the organs and contents of the victim's body in a manner of minutes, leaving the skin more than a sack containing a fluid that was, but a moment before, the functioning of a living body.

This macabre accomplishment is the usual order of food procurement by the larva of the common predaceous water beetle, a creature of fresh water ponds and rivers, and distributed throughout a great part of the United States. The larva, known as dytiscus, is about an inch and a half in overall length, commonly called and for very obvious reasons, "water tiger."

It's a cunning little monster, with six legs, some of which are fringed with hairs to make swimming easy, and wide, flat head equipped with powerful, pincer-like jaws, and a vicious and ghastly appetite, demanding only liquid food.

Lies in Ambush
This little demon lies in ambush on the stem of a water plant; beside a stone on the pond bottom or hidden in a dark, underwater crevice, waiting for some insect, small fish or tadpole. When the intended victim is close enough the beetle-larva springs, like a jungle beast, attacking the prey from underneath. The powerful jaws close, penetrating the victim's skin. Immedi-

ately the force-like pinchers break through and a deadly digestive juice is injected through tiny channels in the jaws.

This fluid dissolves the body contents. During this time the larva holds tight, waiting for the chemical to work. It doesn't take long; the victim's organs change rapidly to a thick liquid. Then the liquid is pumped back, through the hollow, syringe-like jaws and into the "water-tiger's" stomach.

Once the larva has sucked the body dry, it drops what has become a dry husk from the cruel jaws—the Dytiscus has completed its horrible meal.

Becomes Beetle
After many days of gruesome feasting the larva changes into a flat, dark colored shiny beetle, which will swim in the waters of the pond, head down, seeking insect-prey, which it will eat as a solid; only the larva form seems to demand liquid food. The beetle, now called the predaceous beetle can fly, and is often found around street lights. Probably nature intended the wings to be used when pressure from an expanding population made a move necessary from the home pond to some other less crowded location. The eggs are inserted in the tissues of a plant stem, under water. Later the eggs hatch out to become "water-tigers."

If tadpoles, small fish or other insects are not in plentiful supply, the larva will attack one another, even eating their own brothers and sisters.

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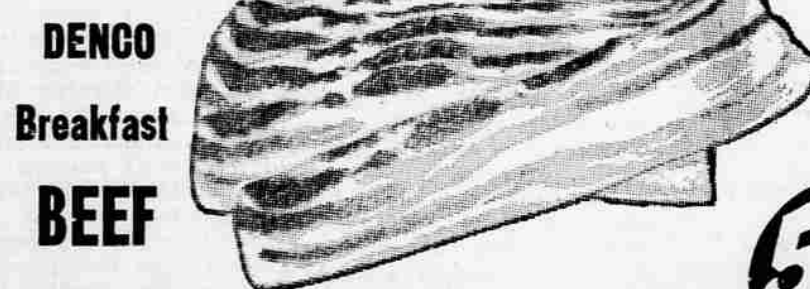
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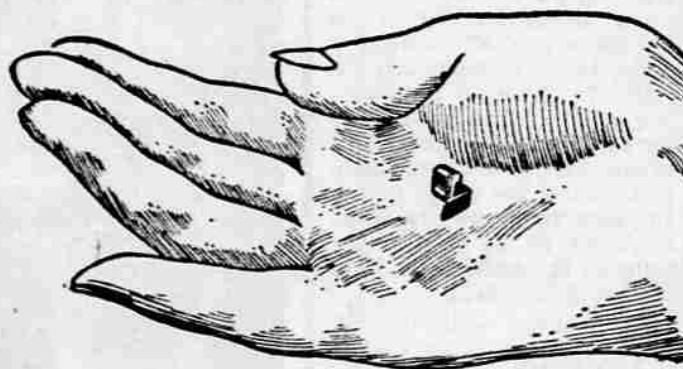
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