



ORBITING AROUND SUN, this container contains instruments perfected by Soviet scientists to obtain knowledge of conditions in space. Photograph was released by Communist party newspaper Pravda, in Moscow.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman'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.

Richard S.—I am in my late 60s and I am planning to retire next year. I'm looking forward to a period of loafing and travel and then hope to settle down and enjoy my hobby, which is painting.

think it would be pleasant for him to relax at home for a while. In the meantime I can take my time about looking around for a satisfactory buyer for my business.

The problem is my wife. She is ten years younger than I am and about twice as energetic. A few years ago after our youngest son left for college, she started a little business that has become quite successful.

Richard just doesn't realize how hard it is for me to part with my business. I started on less than a shoestring and built it up into something really worthwhile. I had been a homemaker for 30 years, yet I found I was able to make the transition to business-woman very successfully. I want to travel and loaf with Richard, but I wonder how I'll like it on a full-time basis. Besides, in spite of my husband's confidence, I doubt whether we'll be able to do much on our retirement income.

Nora now spends some 12 hours a day working for her business. I certainly think this is too much for a woman of her age. In any case, I want her to sell this year so that she can make preparations for our trip next year. I want to take off as soon as I retire. But Nora seems reluctant. I had looked forward to enjoying this phase of our life together.

The Council: As we size up this situation, Richard does understand very well how hard it will be for Nora to part with her business and that is why he is starting his campaign rather early.

Nora S.—Richard is so eager to retire that he can't begin his preparations fast enough. But I don't think there is any necessity to hurry like that. I

Advance planning, however, is no guarantee of successful retirement. The plans have to be right and we wonder whether Richard has thought this through as fully as he can.

Napoleon's armies built the first Alpine pass in Switzerland between 1800 and 1805. Today it is still a major highway.

Loafing, travel and hobbies are great, but most individuals in physically good condition want something more in their lives. They like to feel that they are part of the activity of the present-day world even though their roles may be more subdued than at an earlier period.

The largest traveling crane in the world is in the Chastang hydro-power station south of Paris. It is 66 feet wide and weighs 446 tons.

In view of the fact that giving up her business would be a real sacrifice to Nora at this time, we think that Richard should give a little thought to taking some part in her business. If he spends the next year looking over all aspects of it, he may find a way of playing some minor role. This would relieve Nora of her heavy responsibilities and they would be able to lead a more balanced life of work and recreation together. They may be able to satisfy their wanderlust in vacation trips—and take in a satisfactory income. (Copyright 1959, General Features Corp.)

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