

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB News depicts a prospect looking over one of those underslung foreign sports jobs on a dealer's floor, and demanding angrily, "Goshalmighty, eight thousand dollars for this tinny crate? Which impoverished nation does this one come from?"



Joe E. Lewis came to grief when he crossed one rooster with another rooster. All he got for his pains was one mighty cross rooster. So this year he changed his tactics and crossed a raccoon with a skunk. Result: A very dirty look from a raccoon.

"To show you how quickly fortunes change hands in Las Vegas," writes publicist Al Freeman, "a visitor arrived here on Wednesday in a \$2,000 Rambler, and left Thursday in a \$40,000 bus!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is written on the eve of Easter Sunday. What do we do on Easter? We do many things.

WE COLOR eggs, and hide them for the children to find.

We buy new clothes. Having bought new clothes, we want to show them off. Hence the Easter Parade—of which the Fifth Avenue parade in New York is the best known in our country.

All too often, we eat too much.

We go to church—some of us.

WHY do we do these things? It's a long story—for Easter goes far back into human history. The Reverend Bede, generally accepted as the earliest Anglo-Saxon historian and scholar (at least he was among the first to write it down) says Easter originated in a heathen festival held at the vernal equinox in honor of the Teutonic goddess of dawn. Her name, Bede tells us, was Eostre.

Hence, by derivation, our word Easter.

WHY do we color eggs? That, too, is an old one. It comes down to us from Egypt and Persia. Eggs were a sign of new life—and new life tends to begin in the spring.

Why the colored eggs? Egyptian and Persian legend has it that colored eggs were laid by the Easter rabbit on Easter eve. Rabbits too are very old. They go as far back into history as legend goes.

WHY the new clothes? In the spring, the earth dresses itself in a new cloak of greenery. So, at Easter, people also dress up. When people dress up, they want to show off their new clothes.

How about over-eating on Easter? The origin of that is equally simple. As far back into history as we can reach, festivals have tended to be preceded by fasts. Why? Your guess is as good as anybody's. Possibly it was because one enjoys a feast more when one is hungry. So (maybe) people fasted before feasting so that the feast would be more enjoyable.

SO MUCH for the dim past. We come now to the final

question: Why do we go to church on Easter?

WE GO to church on Easter because Easter is the Christian festival that honors the resurrection of Jesus. The Christian religion changed the world as no other religion ever changed it. The TEACHING of Jesus changed the world as no other TEACHING ever changed it.

Jesus came into a world in which for countless centuries TOO MUCH POWER HAD BEEN HELD IN TOO FEW HANDS. His teaching was a flaming protest against too much power held in too few hands too long. His crucifixion was encompassed by those who held too much power in too few hands—and proposed to KEEP it there—at any cost. His resurrection symbolized the TRIUMPH of his teaching—upon which the progress of the modern world has been founded.

IN CONCLUSION: Whenever in the modern world human progress has faltered it has been because of too much power held in too few hands too long, and the resulting abuses thereof.

Whenever—as in Martin Luther's case and in the case of our American colonies—someone has arisen to challenge successfully the holding of too much power in too few hands too long, human progress has been resumed.

LUCY'S FRIEND SUEDED Hollywood, Calif.—(UPI)—Actress Vivian Vance, who plays a more-or-less happily married friend of Lucille Ball on the "I Love Lucy" television show, has been charged with extreme cruelty in a divorce suit brought by her husband, Actor Philip Ober. They have been married 18 years.

ASKS SCHOOL LAW Atlanta, Ga.—(UPI)—Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), who has proposed a constitutional amendment giving states full control over public schools, said Monday night that only legislation on the federal level can save public schools in the South.

Juan Ponce de Leon died in 1521 in Cuba.

Attorney Asks Help to Prevent Display of 'Obscene' Literature

Paul Haviland, former Jackson county district attorney, yesterday called on parent-teacher groups to help prevent the display and sale of "obscene" literature on local newsstands.

He told a Jackson County Chamber of Commerce round-table audience that such literature has a bad influence on juveniles and sex deviates in particular.

Haviland, now in private practice here, said court action under existing law has proved an inadequate solution.

"A personal approach" is, he said, "in my opinion, the only practical solution."

He suggested that parent-teacher association committees approach merchants and ask them "without threats" to take offensive booklets and magazines from their shelves.

"If merchants continue to carry material we don't want," Haviland added, "we can take our business elsewhere. And let them know why."

Commenting on an April 1957, editorial in the Mail Tribune opposing the use of economic pressures in dealing with the problem, he said: "I personally don't feel it is unfair."

"We have a perfect right to ignore their places when we're shopping."

"There is no reason," he added, "why any merchant can't police his magazine stand in the same manner as a meat counter or vegetable bin."

"You don't find rotten apples or vegetables in their vegetable bins."

Haviland said criminal action against such literature is "difficult." He said it is "virtually impossible to get a conviction," and mentioned cases in Salem and Eugene where defendants were found innocent.

A judge in Lane county, it is understood, has found action brought under Oregon's anti-obscenity statute in one case unconstitutional.

Haviland said sympathetic juries, merchants' denials that they knew the literature in question was on their stands and deciding the "fine point of what is obscene" are reasons why criminal actions have proved unsuccessful.

He did not define "obscenity" yesterday himself. But for illustrations he showed a number of magazines with photographs or drawings of nude or semi-nude females, and read aloud two limericks and part of a poem.

"All these magazines are available for young people," he observed.

No Control Asked if approaching distributors who deliver magazines to the merchants might be effective, Haviland replied that their answer is they have no control over the magazines sent to them and would lose their franchises if they refused to accept and distribute what they receive.

He said PTA committees would be the "best bet," since they could make regular inspections in neighborhood areas and would "keep at it."

Tony Manno asked whether persuading merchants not to sell offensive literature to minors would help the situation.

"The average shop owner who sells this sort of thing," Haviland replied, doesn't care who buys it."

Commenting on the argument that controlling newsstand literature amounts to censorship, he said, "We have censorship in practically everything we do."

He mentioned movies as one example. As another, he referred to the pure food and drug act, which protects public health and welfare through preventing the sale of spoiled food or potentially harmful drugs.

"How much more injurious it is," he said of the literature, "to have this type of material available to young people."

He referred also to the law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

Haviland said the literature creates "an additional load" for youth agencies to which citizens contribute.

He said he presented his views on the subject two years ago on several occasions, with the result that some merchants removed objectionable items from their newsstands.

While a few have continued their supervision, he said, others have not. Some, he said, never did cooperate.

Senate Approves Planning Group Name Change

Salem—(UPI)—With six negative votes, the Senate Monday passed a bill changing the name of the State Department of Planning and Development to the Department of Economic Development.

Opposition to the bill did not revolve around the change of name but rather to some parts of the original act setting up the planning agency which passed four years ago.

Act Not Amended Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) said a subcommittee had not amended the original act, the only change in the bill being the new name.

The department had requested the change of name. It was said that many officials and individuals felt that the department was concerned with answering questions on matters in which the department had no responsibility.

Protest Letters Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) told the Senate that she had received 117 letters protesting against what was described as proposed elimination of home economics at Oregon State College.

"I wish that everyone would wait until we have the budget of the Board of Higher Education completed and can report to you," she said. "However, I can say, very definitely, that there is no intent by the Ways and Means Committee to abolish this important activity at Oregon State College."

Port Bill Passed A bill which sets up procedures for establishing port districts and providing for elections after a port district has been approved by the county court was passed.

The bill, requested by the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, changes the provisions for municipal corporations designated as ports from counties with 100,000 or more population to counties with populations of 50,000 or more.

The bill was introduced by Sens. Monroe Sweetland and Richard Groener, both Milwaukie Democrats.

There are more than 21 million bicycles in the United States.

Population Growth Worries States on Red China Borders

By ROBERT MUSEL United Press International

London—(UPI)—There is an ominous word used by the Chinese to describe the civilians they moved into Tibet in the wake of the army invasion of 1950.

The word is "colonizers." It is a word as worrying to the states bordering China, and perhaps to Soviet Russia itself, as the present emergency over Tibet.

In New Delhi a few weeks ago there was a great international conference on control of population. Communist China did not attend.

Almost alone among the great powers, it is encouraging, at least by tacit consent, an explosion of population unequalled in magnitude anywhere in the world.

A Billion Chinese British experts estimate that the Chinese population grows by more than 13 million every year! This figure nationally increases as the overall number of Chinese increases.

There are now more than 650 million Chinese in China itself. There could be more than a billion by the end of the century—squeezed into an area less than twice the size of the United States.

There also are increasing indications that China has no intention of remaining within the borders of what the outside world regards as China proper. For example, in 1954, Chinese maps appeared in New Delhi which showed Sikkim, Assam and Bhutan as part of China.

Chinese Need Room Indian officials refused to take the maps seriously. Although Sikkim is a protectorate of India, Bhutan is independent but has close ties with India. Assam is an administrative unit within India.

Now, according to dispatches reaching London, the Chinese are admitting that

With 700,000 troops, the Republic of Korea now maintains the world's fourth largest armed force.

Red Europe Papers Careful on Tibet

Munich, Germany—(UPI)—The Communist governments of Eastern Europe are handling their reports of the Tibetan revolt with restraint and, apparently, some embarrassment.

Most of the satellite governments have been telling their people as little as possible and have largely confined themselves to reproducing the language of official Chinese Communist communiques.

The Red radio and press are richly equipped with a store of invective suited to every occasion and words like "imperialist," "reactionary" and "Chiang Kai-shek clique" are not missing.

But where they normally leap aboard such bandwagons when opportunity arises, they have largely confined themselves to being the official channels for Peiping's use of those expressions.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Knoxville, Tenn.—Henry Jones, a jeweler from Lenoir City, Tenn., who gave King Hussein of Jordan a ride in his motor boat Monday and heard the King say he'd like "to see me some time in his country."
"I told him I'd like to come if I had the money."
Honolulu, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.) who urged Hawaiian voters to send two Republican senators to Washington.
"Or you can send Democrats to be lost in limbo with Lyndon Johnson's already overpopulated corral."
Amarillo, Tex.—Uncle John Graves, 82-year-old court bailiff, a one-time Texas Ranger who wounded an escaping prisoner with a dead-eye shot from 50 yards away.
"I hit him within two inches of where I wanted to."
Indianapolis, Ind.—Divorcee Connie Nicholas, charged with the murder of a married business executive who left her after a 15-year romance, after the selection of an all-male, all-husband jury to try her case.
"They seemed to be a group of fair-minded men, and that's all I ask."
San Francisco—Scott Lamb, a snake dealer who reported to police that a 12-foot king cobra has been stolen from his truck.
"One drop of its venom would kill an elephant."

State Police Office Being Remodeled

Remodeling of the state police office on Pacific highway north of Medford is being completed this week, it was reported.

State police district offices are being relocated on the south side of the building. The section for the local office and communications will be placed in the north end of the building, it was explained. The main public entrance will be through the north door now.

This is designed to expedite office operations. All communications including the telephones, radio, and teletype will be centrally located. Both radio and teletype machines will be placed in a glassed-in room in the local office to cut down on the noise, an officer said.

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