

By FRANK JENKINS

When Mr. K gets here—let's hope he notes that, while we have a powerful military force IN BEING and are building an even MORE powerful one to meet the needs of the future, we are also able to produce ALL THE FOOD AND GADGETS OUR PEOPLE CAN USE.

That shows STRENGTH in the American economy. No military expert who has ever put his thoughts on paper has failed to recognize the supreme importance of a strong and well balanced domestic economy.

WHY IS that important?

It's like this: Inviting Mr. K to visit us and look us over is a long shot gamble. It can pay off only if what he sees convinces him that America is too strong to be safely attacked.

If he is convinced of that, he'll go home in a more PEACEFUL mood.

SO— Let's show him our warehouses STUFFED with food. Let's let him see our stockpiles of strategic raw materials that are getting so big we're wondering what to do with them. Don't think he won't be impressed. He's nobody's fool. He knows that ample food and raw materials are as essential to WINNING A WAR as guns and planes and missiles. Capacity to produce BOTH in abundance is proof of invincible strength.

WHAT OF Russia? Is she able to produce both food and weapons in the abundance necessary to win an all-out war? One wonders.

FOR EXAMPLE: Mr. K is reported to have decreed that residents of cities in a number of the Soviet republics shall no longer be allowed to keep livestock on their premises—cows, pigs, goats, chickens, etc.

Why? The reason given for the decree was that keeping livestock in towns and cities is TOO WASTEFUL OF FEED. That is to say: It is more economical to feed animals out in the country, where the feed is grown, than to permit them to be kept in the towns where the feed has to be hauled in to them.

That betrays WORRY about sufficient food. Food is a basic raw material of war. It always has been. One of the primary strategies of war is to blockade your enemy and starve him out.

ANYWAY— Let's not conceal from Mr. K our vast stores of food. They are proof of our ability to produce a super-abundance of it even while we are straining to build immense armaments. Let's not conceal from him the fact that our problem is not the MAKING of civilian gadgets for our people. Our problem is to SELL them. That is proof of the fabulous capacity of our PRODUCTION system.

THAT proves strength. Strength is all Mr. K fears.

Salem—(UPI)—Robert D. Conklin, traffic investigation engineer for the State Highway Department, will receive the past presidents' award for merit in traffic engineering Monday at the annual meeting of the Institute of Traffic Engineers in New York City.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

NIGHT CLUB COMICS—especially ones who rattle off punch lines at the rate of three a minute—know that some of their "quickies" will fall flat. If too many gags "lay an egg," they have covering sallies tucked away in the back of their heads to cover their embarrassment. One device is to blame the writer of their material, another to start picking on some prominent customer at a ringside table. Milton Berle, Joe E. Lewis, Henny Youngman and George Jessel excel at this sort of "ad lib" give-and-take with unenthusiastic audiences.



Gene Baylos recently pulled a new one that broke the ice at a Beverly Hills night club. After four successive sallies earned him nothing more than a few scattered titters, he suddenly turned serious and asked the customers, "Did you ever have the feeling you were walking up a gangplank and there was no ship there?" His listeners must indeed have known what he meant, because from then on his act went over with a bang.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Thunder—Lightning May Be Nuisance—But Necessary Without thinking much about it you might suppose that we could get along beautifully without electrical storms.

But thunder and lightning are pretty important. Simply stated electrical storms are necessary to the continuation of all life on this earth. They operate constantly to maintain an electrical balance in our atmosphere. Electrical storms play an important part in the growing of plants and without plants we would be in a bad way. In fact without them we wouldn't be here very long.

Lightning oxidizes the nitrogen in the atmosphere and nitrogen is essential to all growing plants, whether the plant is a blade of grass or a head of lettuce. Seems there is a constant leakage of electricity from our earth and lightning replenishes our supply about as rapidly as we lose it.

Invisible Gas Ozone, usually present during and after thunderstorms, is actually an invisible gas that acts as an air purifier. It has been found that plants, animals, and man himself are healthier in regions where ozone is available in generous amounts. We see and hear a

thunderstorm. At times we can smell one, for frequently ozone, a bacteria destroying gas, is usually present after a bright flash of lightning.

Hardly an agreement has been reached as to exactly what causes the electrical impulse to build up in a cloud whereby it suddenly begins to produce lightning.

The cloud of course, contains a great amount of water in the form of vapor. Each drop contains a small amount of electricity. All these charged drops are jumbled together, tossed, thrown and severely shook up. The drops become separated into positive and negative charges of electric energy. Probably the positive ones ascend to the top of the cloud while the negative ones hand around near the bottom.

Trouble Begins When they try to get back together again or try to get farther apart, the trouble begins, and the lightning flashes. These flashes are really a series of short flashes, chasing one another so closely they look like one long flash. And there we are again. Once more they are trying to get together.

Just how do all these flashes keep missing the forests of TV antennas? That's something for the boys to work on, but as long as most of them keep missing, why worry? Naturally, you don't want to be struck by lightning. Then keep inside a steel topped automobile or a steel framed building.

A hole in the ground is good but never under a lone tree standing in the open. Don't go swimming. If you are caught out in a small boat, lie down. Don't play like Washington crossing the Delaware. Don't believe the old adage about lightning never striking twice in the same place. It can and does. If the storm occurs on Saturday night, don't get in the bath tub. Stay dirty until the storm is over.

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Evangelist Sets Services in Yreka

Yreka—Evangelist Howard Smith will open a week-long series of meetings, "New Life Crusade," at the First Baptist church in Yreka today.

Services today are scheduled at 11 o'clock this morning and 7:30 o'clock this evening. Services during the week days are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. daily through Sept. 20.

The Pacific shoreline of the United States from Mexico to Canada extends 1,700 miles, but the National Park Service found that 1,448 miles of this is privately owned and not available for public recreation.

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