

The Family Council

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

June P.—I want to be on my own.

Mrs. L. P.—I always thought my children loved me.

June P.—I am 25, single, the youngest of four children. My father died three years ago and my mother and I have been living together in our old house.

I find the house very inconvenient and uncomfortable. I want to share an apartment with a friend in the downtown area of our city. My mother is horrified by the idea.

I feel that I'm old enough to have my own place. Mother often gets on my nerves by asking me too many questions and involving herself in my social life. She always monopolizes the conversation when I have friends over. When I come home with a date she insists upon fixing a snack for us, no matter how late it is. I want to be on my own.

Mrs. L. P.—I definitely do not approve of young single girls living by themselves. I know that a lot of them do it today, but that doesn't make it the right thing. I am a broad-minded person and I wouldn't mind June's living at a club or someplace where there is some supervision, but

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Frequent Killings In Cuba Result of Accidental Shots

Havana—UPI—In the stillness of a warm Caribbean evening, a shot rings out and a body slumps to the ground.

Police are summoned to the scene and quickly confirm that another Cuban has been killed or wounded by small arms fire.

Sometimes, the victim is a young school girl; sometimes a balding businessman out for a late stroll. Sometimes, the victim is a bearded veteran of rebel forces who fought so many months in the Sierra Maestra mountains.

Shot Accidentally They were not the targets of any gang of terrorists working against the government of Prime Minister Fidel Castro. They had been shot—accidentally—by members of the Revolutionary Army itself.

According to a count by Combate, one of the government's strongest newspaper supporters, 10 persons were killed and 35 wounded in Havana by such accidents within a recent three-month period.

The result has been an order by the Revolutionary army restricting the display of arms without justifiable cause, under penalty of arrest and 30 days confinement. The army also declared an automatic 15 days in jail for anyone found drinking while carrying arms.

Similar preventive steps are being taken by Havana police, who also have been involved in some accidental small arms shootings.

One ranking member of the Revolutionary army explained what has been happening this way:

Not Surprising "The accidental shootings are not surprising, although very unfortunate. Most of our training was received in the hills where we fought as guerrillas, not as garrison soldiers. We kept our weapons ready for action at any moment. In the sparsely populated mountains an occasional escaped shot seldom did any more damage than strike a tree or rock."

There are still other reasons, though. Most of the men who fought in the rugged Cuban mountains against the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship consider their sidearms a badge of honor along with their olive drab field uniforms.

ANGLER'S NEW ANGLE Waltham, Mass.—UPI—A tiny deep water fish has been developed which is designed to help fishermen land the big ones.

Six inches in diameter and weighing less than five pounds, the unit sends out ultrasonic signals. When the boat passes over a large fish the dial flashes red, according to the manufacturer (Raytheon Co.).

A wolverine is capable of dragging a carcass three times its own size for a mile or more.

and their luxurious beards. It would be as difficult to separate one of these men from his pistol as to get him to shave off his beard.

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State Said Losing Recreational Resource Area

Portland—UPI—A spokesman for the Oregon Isaak Walton league charged Tuesday that Oregon is "losing by default the state's greatest recreational area."

L. C. (Jack) Binford made the statement at a meeting of a Columbia Basin Interagency subcommittee to discuss recreational resources of the proposed Round Butte dam on the Deschutes river.

Portland General Electric company seeks to build the dam.

Binford said that with the Deschutes river "practically inaccessible," the various state and federal agencies involved with it have "no uniform system of roadway planning" and in general "plan in different directions with total lack of coordination."

PGE Man Replies Waldemar Seton, speaking for PGE, said Round Butte dam would increase the accessibility of the Deschutes area, both on the waters of the dam's lake and through access roads which it plans to build.

He denied the firm was "high-balling" the dam. He said PGE filed its preliminary permit in 1952.

"We cannot sit and wait until our customers are out of electricity," he said. The State Water Resources board conducted a hearing in the dam last week.

Oregon Tech to Sell Buildings

Klamath Falls—Oregon Technical Institute will open bids at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 to dispose of all the buildings in the Mountain View Housing project.

Included in the buildings to be sold are 49 two-bedroom pre-fabricated housing units, a laundry building, a storage shed, and a recreation hall.

fighters fondle their weapons while recalling dangerous moments in the mountains or to show a friend. More than a few of the shootings victims have been girls whose boy

friends were demonstrating a favorite gun. There also have been a few cases of pure foolishness such as soldiers playing "Russian roulette."

The Revolutionary army is keeping a close watch on what happens in its campaign to eliminate this problem. The first few weeks were a complete success but several

months will be necessary to determine whether it solves the problem permanently.

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