

# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MRS. S. OF STAMFORD has a granddaughter who is going to go far. Mrs. S. was visiting the little girl in her bedroom one evening, and was told, "Mommy and daddy are entertaining some very important people downstairs." "You're quite right," agreed Mrs. S., "but how did you know?" "Just listen," explained the bright little girl. "Mommy is laughing at all of daddy's jokes!"



A government official in Washington took his 12-year-old daughter to the movies. Suddenly he noticed she was chewing gum. "Where did you get it?" he demanded. "Under the seat," she replied.

An angry contributor to a very respectable and crisis-conscious literary weekly defined "honorarium" as a \$100 word designed to dress up a \$25 editorial fee.

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# Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

## UPS AND DOWNS

Washington-Vice President Richard Nixon is settling back with wry calm to last out what he knows is likely to be a series of dips in the graph of his presidential ambitions.

He is like a good poker player who finds the cards suddenly stacked against him. He figures his luck is bound to turn and so he is by no means desperate. And he knows that you can't ever win a pot unless you keep staying in. But he also knows that when your luck is momentarily out you play your hands with great care. This is definitely not the kind of night on which you try to fill inside straights.

The vice president does not for a moment delude himself. He is fully aware that he has had some poor-to-bad breaks lately and that there probably will be more before the turn comes.

IRONICALLY, he is to some extent the victim of his own earlier good fortune. The fact that he is officially at least unopposed for the GOP presidential nomination is a mixed blessing. It would be dangerous to act as though it already were in the bag. So he must walk softly.

He is having to keep all openly "political" activity to the absolute minimum. This means that the national spotlight, for now and for some weeks ahead, is nowhere near his vicinity. It has been playing hotly on the man the Nixon people now believe will be his Democratic antagonist for the presidency, Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts. It may well stay beamed in that direction for a while to come.

For example, the latest Gallup poll presents Kennedy as leading Nixon in the nation by 53 per cent to 47 per cent—a reflection, the vice president thinks, of Kennedy's rarely rivaled blaze of national publicity.

Again, Nixon's status as the more-or-less designated successor to President Eisenhower puts other restraints on the vice president. Mr. Eisenhower is going to be out of the country a good while in his summit diplomacy. This means Nixon must stay here to mind the store. And while he will be doing important things in this period they will not be of the big-headline variety.

FINALLY, President Eisenhower has much diluted his earlier seeming all-out endorsement of Nixon. The President's subsequent comment that he would not have given such an endorsement in the first place if the vice president had not been the only Republican candidate in sight has not been helpful—to Nixon.

Obviously and unarguably, it has given some encouragement to those Republicans who still hope to bring off a presidential "draft" for Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York. (This one estimate is strictly this correspondent's; it should not be attributed to Nixon.)

Actually, the Nixon people's worry is not so much that the current polls will be hurtful in the election itself. Before this the vice president

has gone down in the polls only to climb high again. What really bothers them is that every time the smallest Nixon weakness is indicated before the GOP convention the Rockefeller partisans will seize on it to renew the chant "Nixon can't win."

THE vice president, in a word, is not so much afraid of the Democrats in the election. He is more concerned about what may be done by other Republicans to exploit against him anything unfavorable that may happen from now to convention time.

There is nothing remotely approaching panic here. Nixon is a cool and steady-handed gambler politically. He is, rightly or wrongly, perfectly confident that he will come through in the end. But in the meantime, he has his problems, not with his own morale but with that of his workers. They clamor to him: "You must get out and get busy." He replies in effect: "It's just the way the ball bounces—now. Take it easy. I'll be 'out there' and plenty 'busy' when the time comes."

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**VACCINATION DAY**  
Washington—(UPI)—President Eisenhower called on Americans Monday to make April 12 "a new kind of V-day—vaccination day," for vaccine shots against polio. April 12 is the date on which a celebrated polio victim—President Franklin D. Roosevelt—died in 1945. It also marks the fifth anniversary of the announcement of an effective polio vaccine.

**OLDEST POLICEMAN DIES**  
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# In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**From Washington:**  
The success of the Tiro satellite in sending back pictures from outer space is greater than expected. The spectacular photographs received from it make it clear the U.S. could use the satellite TO SPOT RUSSIAN MILITARY MOVES as well as to detect weather disturbances.

**INTERESTING?**  
QUITE so—but here's the other side of the coin: If we can use a satellite to spy on Russian military moves, the Russians can use a similar satellite to spy on OUR military moves. That leaves it horse and horse.

**QUESTION:**  
Is war getting too complex for human understanding?

Let's be serious for a moment. The last best hope of earth is that in this nuclear age war will become so complex and so menacing that mankind will have the common horse sense to call it off.

**BACK** to our newest satellite, which we call Tiro. Whence the name? It's more alphabet stuff. The name is made up of the initial letters of the words Television Infra-Red Observa-

**tion Satellite-T-I-R-O-S.** Cute, isn't it?

**WHENCE** the infra-red? It comes from infra-red rays, which are given off by hot bodies. These infra-red rays are not hot in themselves, but they produce heat when they strike matter. That is too say: When the Russkies blast off a missile, its flaming exhaust will send out infra-red rays which will be intercepted by our Tiro spying around out there in space and the news will be flashed to us that the commies are up to something—presumably something that bodes us no good.

Vice-versa when WE blast off a missile. This is getting too technical. Let's get back to something more familiar. IN WASHINGTON, Oregon's Senator Morse blasts off again. The object of his blast is a proposal to give, rent-free, to the Congressional Wives club a 99-year lease on a four-acre parcel of government land on swank Embassy Row, one of the swankest neighborhoods of swank Washington. The tract is estimated to be worth

at least a half million dollars. The club proposes to use the land, which is owned by the National Park Service, as the site of a swank new \$350,000 clubhouse.

Senator Morse calls it a "shakedown of the taxpayers," and contends that if the congressional wives want to use it they should pay rent on it for the full 99-year period of the lease and the rent should be based on the value of the land.

SENATOR Morse is often wrong. This time, he's RIGHT. Let's put him on the back.

# Democrats Liked In Latin America

Caracas, Venezuela—(UPI)—Adlai Stevenson, winding up a two-month tour south of the border, said Monday night he wished Latin Americans could vote in the coming U.S. presidential election.

"I personally have liked the people I've met on this trip and I think they've liked me, but what's more important is that they all like the Democratic Party," the twice-defeated Democrat said. "I wish they'd come up and vote in November."

Odessa, Tex.—(UPI)—Dr. Murry H. Fly, 73, president of Odessa College since 1946, died at his home Monday.

Elwood Hedberg is scoutmaster assisted by Bob Frick, Bob Bennett is senior patrol leader assisted by Larry Humphreys. Steve Davis is scribe.

Troop committees include William Edwards, institutional representative; W. L. Warren, chairman; E. D. Davis, vice chairman; Charles Shinn, treasurer; Lewis Conger, transportation and outdoor activities; Harry Barneburg, advancement; Carl Bennett, publicity; and P. G. Humphreys and Ed Glover, members at large.

After the dinner a Court of Honor was held. Awards were given. Harry Barneburg assisted by boys of Troop 8 put on the

# Annual Boy Scout Dinner Held at St. Mark's Church

Approximately 150 persons attended the annual charter dinner of Boy Scout Troop 8 and Explorer Post 8 held last week at guild hall of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Guests included Col. W. H. Paine, Mrs. Winifred Vail, the Rev. and Mrs. George R. V. Bolster, the Rev. and Mrs. Duane Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Darl Gled, Mr. and Mrs. George Brennan, Dr. William H. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Compton and J. A. McDougall.

Troop 8 and Post 8 are both sponsored by St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Life Scouts, Joe LeFaive and Richard Knight received their awards from George Brennan. The Eagle Gold Palm Award was presented to Jerry Swartsley by Judson Compton.

E. D. Davis presented Merit Badge Awards to Eddie Anderson, Tom LeFaive, Steve Davis, Bob Bennett, Larry Humphreys, Joe LeFaive, and Richard Knight. Perfect attendance awards to Steve Swartsley, 4th year, and Tom LeFaive, 3rd year, were presented by Lewis Conger.

# Grange News

Upper Rogue  
The next meeting of the Upper Rogue Grange will be Thursday, April 7, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9, a March of Dimes dance will be held at the Grange hall. Both square and round dancing will be held and Danny Nell, Medford, will be the caller. Refreshments will be served.

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