Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A PATIENT in a college infirmary was convalescing from an emergency appendectomy. "How are you doing?" inquired a solicitous visitor. "All right now, I guess," said the patient, "but it was rough yesterday. First they opened me up again to take out a sponge they left in me. Then they repeated to remove a scalpel they had forgotten."

Just then the doctor stuck his head in the room to demand, "Anybody see my hat and overshoes around here?" The patient fainted.

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Two business associates met at the entrance of an expensive psychiatrist's office. "Hello, Oscar," exclaimed one, "are you coming or going?"

"Listen, Joe," advised the other, "if I knew that, I wouldn't be here."

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In a school essay on "parents," reports Sunshine Magazine, one young girl wrote with exemplary resignation, "We get our parents when they are so old it is very difficult to change their habits."

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Oregon Campaign to Become Real Race, Opinion Polls Show

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington Correspondent

Washington–Oregon's presidential primary has the makings of a real horse race down to the wire between Sens. Wayne Morse and John F. Kennedy, judging by the results of public opinion polls taken in recent weeks.

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The Waterhouse poll, old reliable among Oregon public opinion samplings for many years, showed as of last month that Morse and Kennedy were about even, an informed source not connected with either candidated reported here.

Another informal poll, not based on any scientific sampling of voters, this week showed Morse holding a narrow lead over Kennedy. This was the result of a questionnaire circulated by Rep. Charles O. Porter to residents of his 4th congressional district in Southwest Oregon.

Porter asked the 131,000 persons who were sent the questionnaire to name their presidential favorite, irrespective of the names which will appear on the Oregon ballot. The result was that 17,831 persons submitted answers – 10,424 indicating they were Democrats 7,407 indicating they were Republicans.

33 Per Cent for Nixon

Vice President Nixon received 5,883 votes, or 33 per cent of the total who responded, and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller received 1,477 or 8.3 per cent.

The Democrats divided their preferences among six men in this order:

Sen. Morse – 2,957 or 16.5 per cent; Sen. Kennedy–2,536 or 14.2 per cent; Adlai Stevenson – 2,179 or 12.2 per cent; Sen. Hubert Humphrey – 1,160 or 6.5 per cent; Sen. Lyndon Johnson – 817 or 4.6 per cent; Sen. Stuart Symington – 746 or 4.2 per cent.

The unknown quantity of special importance in this result is where will the Stevenson supporters throw their support in the Oregon primary, inasmuch as their favorite will not be listed on the ballot.

Congressman Porter, who is now for Humphrey, expects the bulk of them to do as he did – shift from Stevenson to the Minnesota senator. On this basis, Porter believes Humphrey has a fighting chance to make a strong showing in Oregon, if not to win out.

Porter's questionnaire was sent out at random. All Oregonians on his regular mailing list, about 11,000, received it. This list is composed of names obtained from various sources – people who write in, lists of people of the same profession such as teachers, and several thousand names obtained originally by Porter's office from Sen. Morse's mailing list.

This could mean that Morse's hard core supporters in Porter's district had an opportunity to vote in Porter's sampling.

Supplied by List

The bulk of the others who received the Porter questionnaire were city dwellers whose names were supplied by a commercial mailing list firm, and post office box-holders and rural route residents who simply had a copy placed in their mail boxes by the postman as the postal law permits. This method of distribution accounts for the cross-section of voters of both parties who participated.

Morse ran strongest in Coos County, where 514 voted for him against 247 for Kennedy. In Lane County, his home county, Morse received 1206 to 1026 for Kennedy. Stevenson ran ahead of Kennedy in Lane with 1055 votes.

In Douglas and Jackson counties, Kennedy ran ahead of Morse. In Douglas Kennedy got 361 to Morse's 252 votes, and in Jackson Kennedy received 379 votes to 348 for Morse.

Humphrey did best in Coos County, where he beat out Stevenson 162 to 158. Sen. Johnson beat out Humphrey in Josephine County, 96 to 49; and Symington beat out Humphrey in Douglas, 142 to 141.

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In the Days News

By FRANK JENKINS

Now that little Eric Peugeot (pronounced Pay-ZHO) is safe again in the arms of his parents, we can afford to be frivolous about his kidnaping.

The Paris police are reported to be stumped. Other than a vague tip to the effect that a few minutes after he had been released a car driven by a "tall, thin man dressed in gray" was seen to speed away from the kidnap apartment, they have no clues.

About all they have been able to do at the moment this is written is to order a round-up of all tall, thin men dressed in gray.

WHERE – Oh, WHERE – is Hercule Poirot, Agatha Christie's fictional Belgian detective who in such cases always solved the problem and brought the criminal to justice by the simple clarity of his deductive reasoning?

No roundup of suspects. No drag nets. No lie detectors. Hercule just sat down in an easy chair, leaned back, put the tips of the fingers of both hands together and THOUGHT IT OUT. When he got it all thought out, he dispatched an assistant to collar the guilty crook.

It was as simple as that.

Hercule would certainly come in handy in Paris right now.

BY THE WAY–
If in casual conversation you feel called upon to mention his name, don't call him Her-KOOL. Or even Her-KYULE. And don't say Poy-ROT.

Hercule Poirot was a Belgian. He came from the side of Belgium where they speak French. (Over on the other side of Belgium, they speak Flemish.) In deference to him, his name should be spoken thus: Air-KEEL Pwaw-ROW.

BUT enough of that.
Let's get on with the story.

LITTLE Eric's ransom is said to have been paid in GOLD COINS – $100,000 worth of them. The reason for that, it is assumed, is that paper money can be traced by its serial numbers. It can also be MARKED Gold coins have no serial numbers, and marking them is a tough job.

HEMMMMM.
It's a good thing for little Eric's abductors that they did their abducting in France. If they had used gold coins in the United States of America, Uncle Sam would have had their heart's blood.

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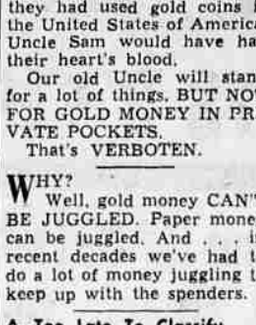

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Many Parents Wondering About Social Studies Given in Elementary Schools

By LOUIS CASSELS

Once upon a time, children studied history, Georgraphy and civics.

Nowadays, in most U. S. elementary schools, they get something called "Social studies" instead.

A great many benighted parents have been wondering what "Social Studies" are, and since their children rarely bring home any textbooks, they have been hard put to find out.

Now the U.S. office of education has published a most helpful little boklet entitled "Social Studies in the Elementary School Program." It tells what social studies are, and how they are – or should be – taught.

Basic Concepts

More important, the booklet is an usually lucid statement of the basic concepts of progressive education which today hold almost undisputed sway in America's public schools.

It defines social studies as an "Integrated part of the curriculum" in which children study history, Geograpy and civics "in their natural relationships." The objective is to "help the child understand his social and physical environment," beginning with his own home and family and moving out in ever-widening circles to city, state, nation, and world.

Textbooks may be used as a "basic reading reference," but rarely is the course built around them.

"The most widely found plan for organizing the learning experiences of children in the social studies is the 'unit method'," the booklet says.

Teacher Selects Topic

In the unit method, the teacher selects a topic around which "large, related areas of learning" may be grouped.

The topic should appeal to the children's interests and should be appropriate to their age level.

The booklet says: "Some of the most frequently taught units or topics in the first grade deal with animals, the family, helping at home . . ."

Second grade units "tend to emphasize learning about people who help us in the neighborhood," such as police, firemen, doctors, etc.

Third grade units frequently deal with transportation and communication systems and – a ubiquitous favorite – the Indians. The fourth grade introduces children to study of the history and geography of their own state and region. Nearly all fifth gardes concentrate on the United States. Sixth grades take up the Western Hemisphere, The United Nations, and international topics.

Pictures Gathered

The teacher prepares for each new unit by gathering together as many pictures, maps, posters, reading materials, audiovisual aids and other "resources" as she can find. She also arranges for field trips and class projects in which children can supplement their studies with "direct learning experiences." For example, if the unit concerns transportation, the class may visit the local airport. Or if the children are studying clothing, they may do some spinning and weaving in class.

Progressive educators are convinced that this method enables children to go beyond mere assimilation of information, and grasp the meaning and relationships – and the relevance to their own lives – of the facts they are learning.

Critics say that the unit approach all too often yields a succession of play periods in which children pick up a melange of incidental information but never gain a systematic knowledge of any subject.

A middle view is that it all depends on the teacher.

TO VISIT AUSTRIA

London – (UPI) – Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will visit Austria in July or August at the invitation of Austrian Chancellor Julius Rabb, Radio Moscow announced Sunday night.

Tug Boat Crewmen Save Two Youths

St. Helens–(UPI)–A Portland tug boat skipper and a deck hand pulled two nearly unconscious Columbia City youths from the icy Columbia river near here Saturday after the boys' boat capsized.

Ronald Mann and Philip Chin, each 17, were picked up by Captain John Satlick of the tug Beaver, and Gene Barber, a deckhand.

Independence Boy On Scooter Killed

Salem–(UPI)–A 16-year-old Independence boy was killed Saturday afternoon in the collision of a car and motor scooter on South River rd., about one-half mile from the Independence bridge.

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