

# Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

IN THE DAYS when the Ziegfeld Follies was the biggest summer attraction New York had to offer visiting firemen, Ziegfeld hired one beauty who had every requisite for stardom but one. She had been born without a brain.



One afternoon, when the Follies had been encoined at the New Amsterdam Theatre for about two months, this gorgeous simpleton came to Ziegfeld and complained, "You promised that, besides my salary, you'd pay my rent while the show was in New York, but I can't stand living any longer where you've put me. I haven't even got a private bathroom." Ziegfeld, puzzled, consulted the records, then told the girl, "You must be out of your mind. You're at one of the best hotels in the Broadway sector, and we're paying \$20 a day for the suite assigned to you." An assistant stage manager discovered what was wrong. He accompanied the girl to her suite, found the door to the cross-ventilated bedroom and the bath tightly locked. For two months, the girl had been living in the entrance hall to the suite.

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## Visitor Here Notes Guatemala Problem

Irving Heyer, who is currently staying with his uncle, Raymond Byrd, 2285 Siskiyou blvd., Medford, has reported that he witnessed demonstrations in Guatemala last week.

The San Diego, Calif., resident was on a vacation in Latin America and observed violent uprisings while in Guatemala City on the "Plazuela Barrios," a plaza there. Heyer pointed out that the Guatemalans experimented with a Communist government from about 1949 to 1955,

when they were ousted in a revolt led by Castillo Armas. Armas was assassinated in 1957, presumably by a Communist, he said. His successor was President Ydigoras Fuentes, a man of "great integrity, but lacking a little in judgment." Reports indicate that he is not as popular as Castillo Armas.

Heyer described the situation he observed as follows: **Immediate Cause**

"The immediate cause of the present demonstrations was an appeal by the teacher's union to the government to win a graduated pay scale. Fuentes flatly refused to grant any raises, and stated his intention to oppose any efforts by the union to put on pressure for the legislation.

"The Castristas, or Castro faction, took up the teachers' cause to make political hay. Some of them threw a bomb in a theater, killing at least one and possibly three, and wounding several others. The first demonstration was a spontaneous gathering of students in the Plazuela Barrios by students of the University of Guatemala to disown the act.

"These were not Castristas, but were opposed to the Castristas. A few nights later, about 6 when people were leaving their shops and offices, the Castristas had their own demonstration and were dispersed by tear gas, billy clubs and rifle butts. Saturday there was another demonstration which was dispersed by gas.

"The main source of the problem is the continued presence of the United Fruit company. . . . This is immediately apparent when one reflects that the demonstrations coincide with the takeover of American sugar interests by Castro in Cuba. The people of Guatemala wish to be free to pursue their own economic destiny and the presence of the UFC gives the Castristas the leverage they need to overthrow the government.

**Friendly to Americans**

"It is as though General Motors were controlled by alien capitalists in this country. But in spite of the opposition to the fruit company, people there are friendly to Americans, and 90 per cent of the people in Guatemala City would hate to see a return to Communism.

"The demonstrations are probably put down, but the situation has not been solved and will not be solved until the United Fruit turns their interests over to the Guatemalans."

The Californian arrived in Medford Wednesday night and plans to stay for a week with his uncle.

### Medford Man Arrested On Forgery Charge

Medford police arrested Lamar Archie Wilkinson, 36, Rex hotel, Thursday on a charge of forgery.

Wilkinson is accused of cashing a stolen Pacific Telephone payroll check in the amount of \$179. Police arrested Wilkinson in a local tavern, and confined him in the county jail.

## Supreme Court Adjourns Until After Labor Day

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Supreme Court has adjourned until after Labor Day, Chief Justice William M. McAllister announced Friday.

Several of the justices, however, will be in Salem during August to work on pending cases and anything that needs immediate attention.

The recess marked termination of Circuit Judges Orval J. Millard, Grants Pass, and Ralph M. Holman, Oregon City, as justices pro tem.

They have served during the past three months. McAllister announced that Circuit Judges Dal M. King, Coquille, and E. H. Howell of John Day have been chosen as justices pro tem beginning in September.

McAllister said the high court adjourned with its docket in a "substantially improved status." Ninety cases are now at issue awaiting hearing compared to 208 at this time a year ago.

The chief justice said that during the rest of this year the court expects to continue to make substantial progress in clearing up the backlog.

## Phair 'Pleased' After Nixon Talk

Chicago — (UPI) — Ron Phair, Republican candidate for Congress in Oregon's second district, said Saturday he was "pleased" with Vice President Richard M. Nixon's "forward look at the farm problem."

Phair, a farmer from Klamath Falls, was one of 56 farm representatives who attended the vice president's farm meeting Saturday. He said he was asked to attend the meeting by Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield.

"I was impressed by his desire to try and solve the farm problem," Phair said. "He's on the right track. I was particularly impressed by Nixon's plan to look toward the future and not back at past mistakes."

Phair said he was going to call town meetings when he gets back to Oregon to find out what the farmers want and to tell them more about the vice president's views on the farm situation.

### OUTDOOR EATING BOOM

Easton, Pa. — Sales of outdoor eating equipment — including paper goods, grills, barbecues, chef's apparel, fuel and other "burnt thumb" paraphernalia — will run well in excess of last year's \$1.1 million, according to the makers of the Dixie Cup.

### 2ND POLIO VICTIM

Salem — UPI — Marion county has recorded its second polio victim of the year, county public health officer Willard J. Stone said Saturday.

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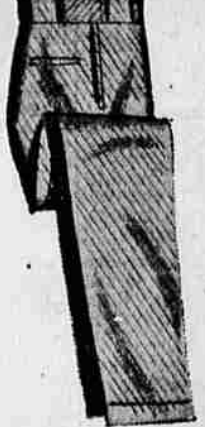
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