

# Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Janet T. - They treat me like a child.  
Mrs. L.T. - She's a strange difficult girl.

Janet T. - I am 17 and about to go into my senior year at high school. I have a summer job, which I have been told I'm handling very well.

I think that because of my age and the fact that I'm practically independent, my parents should learn to treat me like a grownup. Instead, they treat me like a 12-year-old.

My mother is worse than my father. She criticizes everything I do. I feel I should be allowed to spend my hard-earned money any way I please, but she always has something to say about it. The other day I bought some clothes and she returned them without even telling me. I love my mother very much, but sometimes I wish I didn't have to live with her.

Mrs. L.T. - Janet is the strangest, most difficult girl I've ever seen. In many ways she is sensible and mature, but at times she acts even younger than 12 years old.

We were proud of her for having gotten a good job all by herself and I was prepared to let her use her money as she liked, but she started spending so foolishly I had to interfere.

For example, she fell in love with a particular kind of shoe. She ordered it in seven colors - even though she is so uncomfortable in it she has to hobble around. She knows she is expected to buy part of her school wardrobe for fall with her earnings, but so far she has saved practically nothing. She breaks into tears if I point that out.

The Council: Although Janet does appear to be more uneven in her development than most girls her age, she exhibits the typical lack of balance that so unnerves the parents of most teen-agers.

Since Janet has shown enough judgment and sense of responsibility to get and hold a good job for the summer, it is safe to assume she has enough mental development to do much better at spending than she has done.

From her actions as described by both herself and her mother we get the impression that despite her demands to be treated like a grownup she would really prefer to be treated like a little girl. Like most teen-agers, Janet finds the thought of becoming an adult thrilling and frightening. She still isn't sure she'll ever make the grade and she wants to remind her parents that she is still a child and needs their care.

Mrs. L. T. is not helping her by playing into her hands and treating her like a child. Certainly, she should have given her daughter her opinion of the seven pairs of shoes, but she should have dropped it at that. It would have done Janet good to know that nobody is going to fish her out of her troubles. If she buys seven pairs of uncomfortable shoes and finds herself with no money for a fall wardrobe, she should be forced to live with the situation.

The L. T.'s shouldn't give in to Janet's desire to be treated like a child. Gradually, she will learn that it is the essence of grown-upness

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**LAUNDRY DRIED** - Four-year-old Johnny Huston of Chicago steals an idea from his mother as he hangs his stuffed toys out to dry on the clothes line at his home. Johnny gave the toy animals one of their infrequent cleanings and found ears of most of them the most appropriate place to hang them by with mom's clothes pins.

(UPI Telephoto)

## Festival Plays To Be Taped For National Release

Ashland - NBC Producer Andrew C. Love is conducting special rehearsals at the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland preparatory to a pair of far-ranging broadcasts. Both shows will be taped at the Festival theater Saturday starting at 1 p.m., and the public is invited to attend without charge.

Love and his wife have been vacationing in the Rogue valley since the Festival's July 25 opening. He will supervise both radio programs and will stay an additional week to produce complete cast recordings of the entire repertory season.

For the first year, all of the shows will be captured on tape in complete form, with special microphone techniques and studio control. In the past, the plays have been taped during performance. Extraneous noises and varieties in pick-up have limited their use. Many schools, colleges, and radio stations have asked for uncut recordings.

**Nationwide Release**  
The 10th annual broadcast for nationwide release on the National Broadcasting Company will be excerpts from Robert Loper's staging of "The Taming of the Shrew." It will be released from New York at 5:06 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, Monday, Aug. 15.

The special 60 minute radio dramatization will be a cutting from Richard Risso's current production of "Richard II." This program, distributed privately by the Festival, will be aired throughout the United States and in many parts of the world via Armed Forces Radio.

Dress rehearsal is set for 10 a.m. Saturday. Gates open for the public at 12:30 p.m. and the broadcast session begins at 1 p.m. At 1:45, the hour show will be recorded. Special amplification equipment will make it possible for the audience at the theater to hear the entire process.

not to worry about how one is treated, but to act like an adult.  
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## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Ignored by Family and Friend this Duck Despaired**  
Eenie and Meenie were two female mallard ducks. They looked alike, and both appeared to be rattlebrained; they were always gabbling when they should have been listening. But, I suppose "miserable loves company," even among ducks, for when the time came to build their nests, they decided to work together, as a team.

They sat side by side, and between them they laid 37 eggs. It was impossible to tell whose eggs were whose. When one went to the water cooler for a drink, or to gossip with a neighbor about the events of the day, the other duck shifted over and tried to cover all the eggs. When the first one returned, she pushed and shoved until she felt the familiar pressure of the eggs under her. Then and only then would she remain placidly content. Whether either one had all the eggs or just a few made no difference.

The push-pull contest went on for three or four weeks. We who watched wondered what the outcome was going to be; one thing seemed certain, the two ducks would probably divide the family, and everything would be just "ducky."

**An Explosion**  
Then one day the hatching began; it was almost like an explosion. First there was a nest of eggs and suddenly the eggs were empty and little balls of golden fluff were running everywhere. And each fluff ball had two bright, beady eyes, two legs, and a desire to get going. It seemed to be time for the division of the harvest.

Eenie walked off and the whole bevy of ducklings followed her. Meenie screamed and raved. She half raised her wings, and pursued the teeming family to the water's edge. Eenie hurled vocal abuse over her feathered shoulder, which Meenie evidently understood. In the duck world there had occurred a catastrophe.

The next day was the same. The little ducks followed

Eenie. Their other co-parent, who had laid part of the eggs and done an equal share of the setting, got the cold shoulder. Conditions worsened as the days passed. Meenie accepted the hard-hearted abandonment with a sadness that was evident in every line of her being. She refused to eat, and spent her time setting under a bush; bill partly open, wings half spread and a look of abject forlornness in every feature.

**Ignored Her**  
Occasionally she quacked plaintively, but she had stopped trying to win back her share of the family. Eenie ignored her completely, she paraded her enlarged family past the sorrowing duck with a scornful cruelty.

I had no way of knowing how deep an emotion Meenie was suffering. But a few days later, I found out.

One morning, Meenie was not under the bush; the little depression in the sand was empty. Later I found her, in the pond, just a few feet from the shore. She was motionless; little ripples of water

kicked up by a gentle wind, were splashing over her back. The water ran off, as it is supposed to do from a duck's back, but Meenie's head was in an unnatural position—it was under water; it evidently had been for several hours. Meenie, in her despondency, had taken her own life.

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## U.S. Expected To Have Battle In Obtaining Castro Sanctions

By LOUIS STEIN  
Rio de Janeiro -UPI- Diplomatic sources here believe the United States will have an uphill battle in gaining any real sanctions against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro when the Organization of American States (OAS) takes up the two nations' differences on Aug. 16.

The sources said the foreign ministers who will sit down at the meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica - while sympathizing with the United States - will be reluctant to go on record as censuring Castro because they fear the reaction at home if they do so.

An indication of how tough the problem is showed itself in the wrangle over where the meeting would be held. No nation wanted to host it, but finally, tiny Costa Rica consented.

The diplomats feared a repetition of the rioting which interrupted the 1948 Bogota Conference which wrote the OAS charter. Castro himself took part in these riots.

And, recent successful mob action aimed at the United States has encouraged Communists to come out into the open. As one authority said, "you can bet your life they will do all in their power to sabotage the meeting."

Nationalists in Brazil and other Latin nations feel Castro is on the right track. Also, they have little sympathy for foreign investors whose property he confiscated.

South American middle-of-the-roads agree that Castro has gone too far in suppress-

ing Cuban liberties, but feel that strong pressure from the OAS will only alienate any chance of wooing him back into the Democratic camp.

U.S. envoys will be working long into the coming nights until conference time seeking firm South American commitments to stand behind the Rio Mutual Assistance Pact and the Caracas declaration. If they don't succeed, they will be facing burgeoning Communist peril at their back door.

But, the sources here said it is highly unlikely that

Latinos will agree to any drastic action against Cuba such as joint intervention, OAS quarantine or economic sanctions. They believe the question is more apt to be sent to the OAS Peace Commission - otherwise, the members will adopt a wait-and-see attitude.

Some influential Brazilians regard the Cuban revolution as an example of what can happen throughout Latin America unless the United States gives top priority to the vast development program envisaged in President Jus-

celino Kubitschek's "Operatio Pan-American."

Two years ago, Brazilians warned of the danger of resurgent right and left wing dictators if the majority of Latin Americans continued to live in poverty.

**Met With Coolness**

President Eisenhower's recent announcement of an expanded Latin American aid program was met here with some coolness. Kukitschek himself warned that "partial or emergency assistance will not suffice" in winning the cold war in the Western Hemisphere.

And, newspapers commenting on the announcement worried whether the new aid would be "too little and too late." They also agreed that

the program reflected U.S. reaction to Cuba's Communist leaning and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's declaration that Russia would use rockets to prevent the U.S. from interfering in its foothold in Cuba.

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