

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

ELLIOT PAUL, when working on a Boston newspaper in his salad days, excitedly proclaimed that he had figured out a brand-new gimmick for a murder mystery: the victim was to be stabbed to death with an icicle. Of course, by the time the police arrived, there would be no trace left of a weapon.



Paul's editor quashed his enthusiasm by citing three previously published whodunits in which exactly the same device had been employed. For weeks thereafter Paul's mates on the city desk hummed "With An Icicle Built for Two," every time he entered the office. Paul quit, and moved to Paris, where he took an office on the first landing of the Eiffel Tower. "It's the only place in town," he explained, "where I can't see this hideous edifice from my window."

An executive in a Madison Avenue ad agency recently was elected a vice-president, but he vetoed the notion of sending out a publicity note about his promotion. Asked why, he explained modestly, "Everybody thinks I'm president."

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Sisters Watch as Family Vanishes In Boat Tragedy

Stamford, Conn.—(UPI)—The bodies of a man and a girl were recovered today from Long Island Sound, where a 14-foot motor boat hit a reef and capsized with six persons aboard.

The two bodies were not immediately identified. But the girl was believed to have been Judy Grant, 16, Torrance, Calif.

Judy, her mother, Vilma, 36, stepfather, Hugh, 43, and uncle, Thomas Grant, 40, Darien, Conn., vanished under the rough waters Wednesday when the boat hit a rock about two miles from shore. Girls Picked Up

Judy's twin sister, Jean, and another sister, Janice, 13, were picked up by a passing yacht more than four hours after the tragedy. They were watched in horror as the others went under.

The yacht Redwing owned by TV entertainer Gary Moore rescued the two sisters. Their father, Frank J. Makowski, Central Islip, N.Y., was en route to Stamford to care for the girls, who had taken their stepfather's name when the family moved to Torrance, Calif. He and Mrs. Grant were divorced about seven years ago, he said.

The two girls were rescued by Robert Bendick, a television producer who had borrowed Moore's 39-foot sloop for a vacation cruise.

"We couldn't do anything," Janice sobbed. "We watched and we couldn't do anything." The girls told the Bendicks they had seen their mother, sister and uncle lose their grips on the overturned motorboat and disappear in the turbulent waters nearly a mile offshore.

The girls' stepfather tried to swim to shore in a desperation move to seek assistance after their tiny craft struck a submerged reef, split open and overturned. He disappeared. The accident occurred Wednesday afternoon. The rescued girls, near exhaustion and suffering from shock, had been clinging to the prow of the boat for four hours when Bendick, returning from the Cape Cod, Mass., area, heard a faint cry.

Pulled Them Aboard "I turned the sloop," he said. "We saw the overturned boat and the two girls clinging to it. They were hanging on the prow. How they managed to stay there for four hours I will never know. "We tossed them a rope

Castro Accuses Catholics of Overthrow Plot

Havana — (UPI) — Premier Fidel Castro accused the Roman Catholic church in Cuba today of plotting to overthrow his regime with the support of the American embassy.

The ailing premier told a cheering group of Cuban sugarmen that the embassy plotted with "Fascist priests" to force a showdown in the war between the church and his regime. "There is no doubt that the American embassy has turned loose its last pawns (submissive servants)," he said in a three-hour and 36-minute tirade against the United States and Roman Catholic church.

Remarks Bring Cheers His reference to priests as "traitors who have put themselves at the service of imperialism" and to "those who have tried to take refuge in the temples to combat the revolution" brought wild cheers from the group of Cuban sugar cooperative directors.

The Cuban national anthem had to be played to quiet them. "There is no doubt that filthy U. S. imperialism has associated itself with (Spanish

chief of state Francisco) Franco and his Fascism to mobilize all the influence they can count on in our nation.

"All priests are not Fascists. There are revolutionary priests, but there is no doubt Franco can count on a good number of Fascist priests." (About 400 of Cuba's 700 priests are Spaniards.)

Castro charged that Spanish churchmen "sanctified and blessed" Franco when he "killed a million Spaniards after the Spanish civil war."

The premier asked why the Roman Catholic prelates who assailed the spread of Communism in Cuba in a pastoral letter published Sunday had not denounced the "horrors of imperialism."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Slogans in the news: In Africa: WHITE MAN, GET OUT! In Cuba: AMERICANS, GET OUT!

ONE wonders what would happen if both of these commands were rigidly obeyed. It's hard to say. It's just possible that it might be better for everybody concerned.

NEW horizons in the news: 1. Overweight people can prolong their life expectancy by reducing as much as 20 per cent. 2. Young animals have some mysterious and potent quality that can be transferred to older animals (human beings are animals, you know) to slow the aging process.

BOTH of these theses (a thesis is a position or proposition which some person advances and offers to maintain by argument) are based on experiments on rats. The first experiment was rather simple. The investigators took two sets of aging rats. To one set, they gave all the food they could eat. To the other set, they gave only HALF as much food as they wanted. The rats that ate only half as much as they wanted lived 20 per cent longer.

Experiment No. 2 was more complex. They took an old rat and a young one. Incisions were made along their sides and they were joined by skin and muscle, somewhat after the manner of Siamese twins. Through this junction the animals exchanged blood and other body fluids. Whenever a set of these twins died, they were dissected. The dissections revealed that the older rat had GOT YOUNGER.

THE experimenters don't propose that if you want to stay younger longer you join yourself in a Siamese twin operation with a younger person. They go farther than that.

They theorize that this "mysterious and potent quality" that apparently was transfused from the younger rat to the older rat can be identified and isolated and

then SYNTHESIZED. (Synthesis is the art or process of making or "building up" a compound by the union of simpler compounds or of its elements—such as the synthesis of water from hydrogen and oxygen.)

So— If and when comes the time when this mysterious and potent quality transmitted from the younger rat to the older rat is synthesized and made commercially available and there arrives the dreaded moment when you're beginning to FEEL OLD, you'll simply go down to your doctor and get a shot of the stuff.

HMMMMMMMM. Maybe Ponce de Leon had something after all. His spring of eternal youth might have contained an accidental synthesis of this "mysterious and potent quality."

WHO'S doing all this experimental stuff? Well, it's reported from San Francisco, where the Fifth International Congress of Gerontology is in session. (Gerontology, incidentally, is the study of aging processes.) Ain't science wonderful?

Four Persons Slain By Pasco Gunman

Pasco, Wash.—(UPI)—Four persons were shot to death in the bedroom of a home here early today and an all-points bulletin has been issued for a man seen driving away from the house.

Police identified the victims as Mrs. Robbie Jean Harris, Israel M. Fowler, Celeste Dixon, and Truman H. Brown. The bodies of the four victims were found in a corner of the bedroom in the Harris home by Mrs. Harris' 12-year-old son who was awakened by the shots and saw a man drive away from the house.

Officers said the four had apparently been lined up in the corner of the bedroom before they were shot in the head by bullets from a small calibre gun. Roadblocks were immediately set up in the area.

X15 Altitude Record Attempt Cancelled

Edwards AFB, Calif. — (UPI) — An attempt by the rocket-powered X15 on the world's altitude record was cancelled today after the craft was carried aloft beneath the wing of a jet bomber.

Lack of fuel pressure just 35 seconds before drop was blamed for the cancellation and the plane was returned to earth still lashed beneath the bomber.

Eventually, an X15 equipped with a 60,000-pound thrust engine is expected to climb to nearly 100 miles above the earth.

TYPOGRAPHER DIES Columbus, Ohio — (UPI) — John C. Bonn, 92, oldest active member of the International Typographical Union, died Tuesday.

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