

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

WES LAWRENCE, ace Cleveland columnist, received this query from a constant reader: "Who do you consider the best qualified man for the next president of the United States?" Lawrence, no fool he, cautiously replied, "My opinion, dear reader, would be purely academic, for my wife long ago made me promise never to enter politics."



Kenyon Scudder, expert on crime prevention, thinks that TV underworld dramas are not just the thing the kiddies should see as their bedtime approaches. He even wrote a little poem to release his pent-up indignation:

"Sing a song of TV
For the little ones:
Four and twenty jailbirds
Packing tommy-guns.
When the scene is finished
The blood is ankle deep,
Now isn't that a pretty dish
To send the kids to sleep?"

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Small Anti-Tank Missile Will Be Tested in 1961

London—(Science Service)—Assessment trials of the Vigilant, a new type of anti-tank missile light enough to be carried by one man, are planned for early next year. Vigilant (short for the full designation, visual guided infantry light anti-tank weapon) has been developed over the past 3½ years as a nongovernment project by Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft) Ltd. It is a wire-guided missile and has no control box or other auxiliary gear.

The missile is launched from its carrying box and guided by a hand-held sighting device. It is claimed to be ready for instant use since no field assembly or testing is necessary. The total system weighs about 45 pounds and, in preliminary tests, it has been successfully dropped with and operated by paratroops.

3 Million
So far it has cost about \$3 million to develop the missile. Vickers-Armstrongs became part of the British Aircraft Corporation in the recent mergers affecting the British aircraft industry, and Eric Beverley of BAC said his company hoped to achieve mass production of Vigilant at low cost. It could be in service by mid-1961.

Beverley said that the U.S. Government has shown "great interest" in the weapon.

Not only is Vigilant a handy infantry weapon, but its small size and weight make it readily adaptable for fitting to light reconnaissance and other fighting vehicles.

Its special feature is its accurate and easily operated control system. This solves the costly training problem normally necessary with small anti-tank guided weapons. The average soldier can learn to use it quickly, five hours of simulator training being normal. The easy-to-learn control system is based on a velocity control technique.

Lost Hunters Turn Up Safely

By United Press International
Two deer hunters reported lost, one of them a police chief, turned up safely late Wednesday and early today in Western Oregon.

Ben Scheele, police chief of Falls City, showed up at Valslet about 4 p.m. Wednesday, ending a search in that area. The chief and his nephew, Gary Vorderstrasse of Scio, became lost Wednesday morning while hunting.

A 27-year-old Lebanon man, Robert G. Foster, showed up after a search was begun for him in the Soda-ville area near Lebanon. He had been expected home Wednesday afternoon.

Corvallis Policemen Enter Guilty Pleas

Corvallis—(UP)—Two Corvallis policemen pleaded guilty here Wednesday of possessing untagged deer meat.

Alvin Ebert, 45, and Frank G. Schant, 24, were fined \$130 each and given suspended jail sentences of 30 days.

SOBER ENDORSEMENT

Dallas, Tex. —(UP)—Mrs. E. M. Collins, president of a local branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Wednesday told a meeting of WCTU state leaders that she favors the Republican presidential candidate because "I feel sure that Mr. Nixon is the most confirmed non-drinker of the two."

Attractive Gal's Change Surprises Taxicab Driver

Dallas, Tex. —(UP)—As a cab driver, Ted Lane gets all kinds of fares. But the attractive gal he picked up Wednesday still has him wondering.

Here's how Ted tells the story:
"I picked up this fare at the Baker Hotel. She's a real nice looking brunette, y'know? Dressed in brown. She's got these two packages under her arms."

"She says 'let's go to White Rock Lake.' We get there and she says 'just drive around the lake'. After a couple of minutes, she tells me to tilt the rear-view mirror."

"Then she says, 'let's go to Love Field (the airport)'. When we get there, she gets out dressed in blue."

Three Youthful Adventurers Returned Home

Newport Beach, Calif. —(UP)—Three teen-aged adventurers who set off in a stolen 30-foot ketch to seek their fortune in the South Pacific were returned home today, yelling they would try it again although they may face serious charges.

The three — neatly dressed and no worse for wear for the five days at sea in the boat — were returned to their parents by the Coast Guard, which took them off the stolen vessel about 190 miles southwest of here. The Coast Guard said the search for them cost roughly \$30,000.

Could Have Made It
"We could have made it," yelled one of the boys, thumbing his nose at reporters. He referred to their attempted trip to the Guadalupe Islands. "We'll be back in a couple of years."

Police Juvenile Sgt. Rudy J. Valenti said Larry Reitz, 14, Nick Brisseau, 15, and Mike Massei, 14, all of Newport Beach, would be held in Orange County Juvenile Hall pending a decision as to what should be done with them. He said it was possible they might face grand theft and runaway charges for their stunt.

Parents Not Too Happy
The would-be Huckleberry Finns were met by their relieved but not-to-happy parents when they were brought to the dock by a speed boat about 1 a.m.

"They ought to thank their lucky stars the Coast Guard caught up with them as soon as it did," said Dr. Marvin Reitz, father of Larry. "Sailing in the open ocean is dangerous."

Portlander Killed On Hunting Trip

Burns—(UP)—A Portland man, Hugh Ballard, 49, was killed in a hunting accident near the lumber community of Seneca early today.

Police said the fatal shot was fired by another member of the victim's hunting party, Floyd Ashwell, also of Portland. The men were with a group from the Apostolic church.

Ballard is the sixth person to die of accidental gunshot wounds since the deer hunting season opened this year.

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