

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

BEATRICE LILLIE managed to remember she was a punster, too, even when a waiter spilled a whole cup of coffee on her costly new evening gown. "Go," Miss Lillie told the crestfallen waiter, "and never darken my Dior again."

Rocky Graziano, ex-midweight champ, was asked in a TV interview, "Were you ever afraid of an opponent?" The great man pondered momentarily, then blurted, "Naw, I was too stupid!" Later Rocky insisted that he once sent Sugar Ray Robinson reeling to the mat. "He tripped over me," explained Rocky.

A pair of newlyweds walked arm in arm to their mailbox on the first of the month. "Look, darling," cooed the bride ecstatically. "Our first bill!"

A Boston book reviewer dismissed a fourth-rate detective yarn as "ludicrous and blunder."

Slogan of Vicks' watch repair shop in Jamestown: "VICKS' PICKS SICK TICKS."

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This is written in Washington an hour or so after President Kennedy's address to the members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, gathered here for its annual convention.

The President had been scheduled to attend the entire luncheon, but because of the growing tension of the Cuban situation this was impossible today. He had too much else to do. He arrived at 2 p.m., after the meal was over, delivered his brief address — which, of course, has been read by everybody, and so doesn't need to be gone into here — and left immediately.

AS is always the case at Presidential appearances, elaborate security arrangements had been made. Admission was limited rigidly to ticket holders. Secret service agents mingled with the editors and their guests.

At our table, and presumably at all the others, there was a stranger. He wore no badge. He sat with his back to the speakers' table, so that he could scan the room to the rear. He didn't enter into the small talk. His eyes roved the room. It was quickly noted by his next neighbor that he wore a businesslike gun in a holster at his belt.

The point is that no chances must be taken with the President's safety.

IN the vast Presidential Room of the Statler Hotel (now the Statler-Hilton), which in the past several decades has been the scene of so many formal affairs of state, the head table occupied all of one side, and was on a dias, some three feet above the level of the main floor. Here the dignitaries, including Vice-President Johnson, sat.

At the rear of the great room were the TV staffs and their apparatus. The cameramen spent the time fiddling with their lenses, focusing them with meticulous care on the speaker's podium. At the extreme rear was the Marine Band, standing at ease. Beside one of the TV cameras was a bandsman who served as a lookout.

As the hands of the clock touched two, the bandsman beside the TV camera raised a hand in which was clutched a white handkerchief. At the signal the band crashed into Hall to the Chief. The door opened and the Presidential party entered. The guests stood up. The party moved down the head table, and the President took his seat.

EMPHASIZING the gravity of the Cuban news on that morning, no time was wasted. The President arose and began his address.

He read it, of course — and his reading was impressive. His tone was grave, and his words were serious. The manu-



## Washington Report

By William S. White  
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### THE G.O.P. LINE

Washington — Richard M. Nixon has calmly resumed his active leadership of the Republican party just as though that leadership had never been challenged.

But the one real question for the G.O.P., as the former vice president is the first to grasp, is not who is to be boss at this juncture. For this he already is, in fact. Rather, it is what kind of leadership the party people in Congress and in the national committee are to show to the Republican rank and file.

The actual problem now is to make the 1964 Republican presidential nomination worthwhile — to anybody. It is far too early to know which somebody this is to be. And it is far too early for Mr. Nixon to decide whether he himself will even want the designation — that year.

These are the inner realities as Mr. Nixon now resumes political activity after the long holiday which began the day after his defeat last November by President Kennedy.

HE is not going back into uniform simply in fear of his two potential rivals for control of the mind of the party, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York and Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona. For, whatever it is to happen about this rivalry will only happen much later on, in any case.

The big necessity of the moment is for the man who heads the party at the moment to take up the obligation of speaking for it, and most of all to determine what tone this speaking-for-it should now take.

So, what the Republican line should be is now Mr. Nixon's true concern. For the time being, at least, he frankly reports "a great deal of popular support for President Kennedy as an individual," but "virtually no support" for Kennedy domestic programs.

And he emphatically refuses to "pop off" in any way about the Kennedy adminis-

tration's grave foreign policy problems.

THIS summary by the man who so nearly became president is arresting in two ways. It is renewed proof that Mr. Nixon is an undoubted political pro. For only a true pro will concede what is obvious to his opposition and thus use obvious candor to gain maximum credit for the rest of what he intends to say — in this case that while a Democratic president is popular his program isn't.

And it is plain notice to all other Republicans, in Congress and the national committee, that the G.O.P. headman is not going to allow his party to be committed to mere partisan attacks on the Kennedy presidency in foreign affairs in a time of danger to the country itself.

It is a reasonable forecast, therefore, that Mr. Nixon in his forthcoming series of speeches will hit Mr. Kennedy hard only on domestic issues. These happen to be the only issues in which he is objectively open to criticism. And they are also the only issues on which a national party leader can rightly be as partisan as he may choose.

IT is also a reasonable forecast that Mr. Nixon's line will shortly become the general G.O.P. line. Actually, he will find himself in much the position occupied by the Democratic congressional leaders all during the Eisenhower-Nixon administration. Though incessantly pushed by ultra-liberal Democrats to "get tough with Eisenhower," they rightly refused to do this on world affairs. Mr. Nixon will hear from ultra-conservative Republicans demands that he "get tough with Kennedy," particularly as to administration policy in Cuba.

But Mr. Nixon, whose high sense of public responsibility was fully shown during the last campaign, is no more likely to succumb to this kind of pressure than were the equally adult Democrats in their time in opposition. He knows now what they knew then: when it is the country itself that is in trouble every politician entitled to call himself a leader has the obligation not to seek petty advantage of that country's troubles.

## Strictly Personal

By Sidney J. Harris  
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### DISTANCE NOW AN ATTITUDE OF MIND

With the arrival of the jet-flight age, it is plain to see that what we call "distance" is more a psychological matter than a geographic one. "Near" and "far" are relative to our states of mind.

Looking at an airline map en route to Dallas last month, I found it hard to believe that it is farther from Chicago to New York than from Chicago to Dallas.

Living in Chicago, I am "facing" New York, as it were; psychologically, New York is part of my horizon, while Texas seems twice as far away. And I am sure that people in Dallas find it hard to believe that Chicago is closer to them than Mexico City.

Texas "faces" Mexico, in a sense. Even though Chicago is several hundred miles closer to Dallas, Mexico City belongs in its frame of reference, and Chicago does not. Chicago is vaguely "north"; Mexico City is "just across the border."

This psychological "set" accounts, in large part, for the American pupil's lamentable lack of foreign languages. On the Continent, young students learn foreign languages easily because they "face" other countries. True, their academic discipline is higher, but the psychic conditions are more favorable as well.

It is interesting that, of all European countries, England is the least linguistic. Even though only 50 miles of channel separate England from the Continent, this narrow body of water inhibits the English from learning foreign languages.

An island nation rarely bothers to learn anyone else's language; and what is the United States but a large island, separated by 3,000 miles of water from its parent culture? Even 50 miles have made the British insular. You may recollect the famous deadpan headline in the London Times many years ago: "Storm Rocks Channel; Continent Isolated."

Perhaps the most impor-

ant revolution of our mid-century is the revolution in the concept of distance. We have, in a few years, already ceased thinking in terms of "miles," and think now in terms of hours or minutes.

The original 13 American colonies were much farther apart than the entire world is today; it took ten times as long to get from Rhode Island to Virginia as it now does to get from Washington to Moscow. But psychologically we have not yet felt this shrinkage; our frame of reference remains local rather than global — except when we permit ourselves uneasy thoughts of war.

Space and time, Einstein taught us, are relative concepts. That lesson may turn out to be more crucial for our survival than anything in the history books.

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OLD SEWING MACHINE—Patricia Ray Ferguson, 6, granddaughter of Mrs. A. J. Maron of Little Rock, Ark., owner of this old sewing machine which is believed to be over 140 years old, is starting early to learn to sew. The machine still works perfectly, making a beautiful chain stitch. There is no bobbin beneath the machine, but it has a hook which catches the thread. (UPI Telephoto)

## Airport Use Shows Court Records Increase in March

The number of airplanes using Medford's municipal airport during March showed a substantial increase over the number using the airport in March, 1960, but passenger traffic showed a slight decrease, according to Airport Manager Gil Gutjahr's monthly report.

A total of 5,449 landings or take-offs were made from the airport during March, including 728 commercial air carrier flights, 4,673 civil flights and 48 military flights.

In February, there were 3,719 flights recorded, and during March 1960, there were 4,415.

Commercial aircraft facilitated 4,225 passengers at the airport last month, compared to 3,410 the previous month, and 4,728 during March, 1960. Air express last month, 2,307 pounds, was up over the same period a year ago, 2,281 pounds; but, air freight, 12,250 pounds, was down from a year ago, 15,993 pounds.

The airport collected \$18,718 in revenue last month, which included \$15,000 from the sale of dirt to the state highway commission. Some \$670 in landing fees were collected.

### BANDITS KILL 16

Neiva, Colombia—Bandits shot up a rural bus near here Tuesday, killing 16 persons and wounding everyone else aboard, it was reported today. The dead included five men, six women and five children.

### Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Grant W. Davis, obstructed vision, \$10.  
Arthur W. Chipman, no safety chain, \$10.  
Dewey C. Kaylor, no operator's license, \$5.  
Max E. Hille, overload, \$160.  
Michael G. Duggan, obstructed vision, \$15.  
Nancy J. Benson, disobeyed stop sign, \$15.  
Virgil J. Harsh, overweight load, \$7.50.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Marie Thomas vs. Joseph Lonzo Thomas, divorce complaint.  
June Elinor Hess vs. Paul Alvin Hess, divorce decree.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Dale William King, 147 Central ave., Ashland, and Jacqueline May Murphy, 722 Doty st., Klamath Falls.  
Michael Lewis Clark, 3438 Madonna lane, Medford, and Martha Beth Newman Pitts, 3344 Gary st., Medford.

### Sukarno Joins in Subversion Warning

Washington — President Sukarno of neutralist Indonesia joined President Kennedy Tuesday in a warning to new nations to be alert against subversion and imperialism.

The two men issued a joint statement shortly after Sukarno paid a farewell call on Kennedy and flew in a helicopter from the White House lawn to his waiting jet transport plane at nearby Andrews Air Force base. His next stop is Mexico.

Sukarno left Foreign Minister Subandrio behind to confer with Secretary of State Dean Rusk on possible peaceful solutions to the war-threatening dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands over West New Guinea.

## School News

Medford High School  
Edited by Sandy Shugart.  
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Juniors elected next year's senior class officers last week. Elected were Bruce Niedermeyer, president; Dave Elmgren, vice president; Teresa Six, secretary; Joel Gregory, treasurer; and Carl Washburn, senior class representative.

Also elected were four junior princesses for the junior-senior prom. They are Sandra Bates, Vicki Enders, Judy Ayres, and Shirley Donahoe.

Last Saturday, the annual Latin club banquet was held. Those attending were dressed in typical Roman garb. The two junior highs, Hedrick and McLoughlin furnished "slaves." Carl Washburn, Caesar, presided over the affair.

The "Hep History of Kool Kat Kaesar" was given by Julie Latham and Sandy Shugart. Mike Whinham, Linda Nash, Linda Nelson, Marty Graham, and Mike Gannon presented the play, "The Golden Ball."

Sophomores have ordered their class rings from the Crown company, represented by Bob McReynolds. The rings varied in price from \$13 to \$28. Unlike previous class rings, these have no stones but are solid gold or silver.

Recently "No Parking" signs have been placed on Melrose ave., beside the science building for added safety of the students at MHS. The rapid flow of student traffic between classes has become a hazard to the students and cars traveling on Melrose ave.

Remedial math test results were announced last week. Seniors who failed to pass the test with a 90 per cent or better must take the remedial course until they can pass the exam.

Juniors and sophomores are being urged to return their registration slips to their counselor as soon as possible. These slips must be signed by the student's parent or guardian and returned to the counselor before the student can be registered for the 1961-62 school year.

Thirteen members of the Medford chapter of Future Teachers of America attended the regional convention of FTA in Klamath Falls recently.

Keith Graves was elected district representative and Marsha Watson, regional historian.

**POPULATION COUNT**  
New York — It is estimated the current population of Asia is about 1,300 million persons.

## A Quarter of a Century...

Sounds like a long time, doesn't it? That's how long we have served this community, and tried to do our best, too. We have been happy here among so many friends. The years seem so brief. We shall continue to give of our best, always.

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