Edward G. Robinson Has Heart Attack

Beverly Hills, Calif. – (UPI) – Actor Edward G. Robinson, 68, was stricken with a heart attack and hospitalized today in Nairobi, Africa, where he was starring in a movie.

Robinson's butler, Frank Hoyle, reported from the actor's home that his employer was taken to Princess Elizabeth Hospital in the capital city of Kenya.

"We just got word this morning," Hoyle said, "but we won't know how serious the attack is for three or four days."

Hoyle said Robinson's wife, Jane, was with him at the Africa location site.

Religion in America

Pastors Still Recommend Against The Religious Mixed Marriage

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International

For many years, pastors had one word of advice for couples contemplating a religious mixed marriage.

The word was: Don't.

This is still the first and best counsel they have to offer to the young people who are thinking of marrying outside their faith.

But they now recognize that it cannot be their last word on the subject. In spite of all warnings, mixed marriages are taking place in large numbers. Unable to prevent them, pastors are seeking ways to make them work.

"There has been no change in the church's opposition to mixed marriages," Fr. John C. Knott, director of the Catholic Family Life Bureau, said in an interview.

"We still say they're hazardous and ought to be avoided. But we are trying to take a positive approach to the ones which do occur."

Breakdown Rate

A similar view was expressed from the Protestant side by David R. Mace, president of the National Council on Family Relations. In a recent issue of the Christian Advocate, Methodist magazine for clergymen, he pointed out that interfaith marriages have a breakdown rate "between two and three times higher than that of marriages within the same faith."

"It is still a good policy to warn young people of the hazards involved–and to do it in time," Dr. Mace said. "But the stern realities of the situation demand that we consider what to do if such a marriage does develop."

Both Fr. Knott and Dr. Mace are convinced that a mixed marriage has a far better chance of survival if the partners avoid the temptation to treat religion as a taboo subject.

Share Convictions

Instead of shying away from religion as a potential source of friction, Fr. Knott said, a Protestant - Catholic couple should "try to build up the religious life of the family from the common elements of their belief."

"They may find," he said, "that they share more important convictions than they had realized. After all, both of them are Christians."

He suggested, for example, that Protestant and Catholic mates join in grace at meals, in saying the Lord's Prayer, and in reading the Bible.

"They can start a little ecumenical movement on the domestic level," he said.

Dr. Mace said it is extremely important for partners in an interfaith marriage to "study carefully the meaning of each other's faith."

"If they can see some way in which to unite in religious loyalty, that is best of all for the harmony of their marriage. But if not, they owe it to each other to take each other's convictions seriously, to know just what these convictions are, and just why they are held."

Substantially similar but more detailed advice is offered by the Rt. Rev. James Pike, Episcopal bishop of California, in his book, "If You Marry Outside Your Faith" by Harpers. This book, first published in 1954, is now out of print, but a revised edition is due for publication in August, and will include an inexpensive paperback version.

Bishop Pike points out that arguments about religion are seldom the real problem in a mixed marriage. The greater danger is that a husband and wife will maintain a "studied silence" about religion – and therefore about all of the deepest and most important questions of life.

Bishop Pike believes that this conspiracy of silence has such a devastating effect on a couple–and also on their children–that it would be far better for them to quarrel about their beliefs which "at least keeps religion to the forefront of the marriage."

But it is not really necessary to choose between silence and a quarrel, he says. The best solution of all–indeed, in his opinion, the only satisfactory solution–is to "face the subject frankly together" and try to find common ground.

Bishop Pike says it is psychologically disastrous for one partner to sacrifice his own convictions and accept his mate's simply for the sake of harmony.

"What is called for is an open-minded examination–together–of the positions and claims of the two alternative traditions represented by the couple, or of any other likely possibilities."

If this joint exploration does not unite the couple in the same church, he says, it will at least lead to "a better understanding and a deeper appreciation of each other's faith."

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

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The Little Black Rail Is Pretty Hard To See

Had the dry marsh grass not moved we would not have seen him at all, he was so small. When he turned and moved directly away from us he was so thin he didn't even seem to be there. He didn't stand over five inches tall. No wonder he is commonly called "little black rail."

Doubly apt is the name, for unlike most of his relatives he is really all black. It has been said, and rightly, by outdoorsmen and students of bird behavior that the little black rail is as hard to observe as a field mouse.

This little bird is really the "mouse" or the family, hardly larger than a robin or a blackbird. Because he hardly has any tail at all, he even looks smaller than he is. His lack of tail makes him look out of balance.

Seldom Seen

Unfortunately, this littlest member of the rather large family of rails is not common; few folks have seen him. He and his little wife may be residents of marsh or swamp; may have lived there for years and raised numerous young ones there, but never has been seen even by people who have visited the area many times. The little "black," like all the rails, is the most secretive of birds.

Thin Body

Besides being very small, the rail just about disappears when he turns toward an observer. Viewed from the side he is tiny, but viewed head on or tail on, he is so thin as to be almost out of sight. This body thinness, characteristic of all rail species, is a decided advantage to the bird. He can easily pass between two cattail stems or any other sedge that stands but a couple of inches apart.

All the rails are sneaky. They skulk in and out of the weedy marsh grass as if they were guilty of some crime. Many of the rails – the little black one too– make criss-cross paths in the marsh grass. These pathways run in every direction; some are covered over on the top so that the skulking rail is moving in a regular tunnel.

Although all the rails have the ability to fly, they take to the air with reluctance and and seeming difficulty. It is almost impossible to flush a rail. About the only way to do it is to run a boat through the marsh grass. If the disturbance is close, the rail will blunder into the air in a feeble, aimless flight, its legs dangling helplessly.

Plops Into Grass

It will fly but a very short distance, then plop down into the marsh grass as if it had been shot. But after the tumble into the sedges all awkwardness leaves it and it scurries rapidly away, following one of the many established passageways.

Because of the infrequency of human sighting, few folks suspect the presence of the birds in the marsh.

To see the little black rail is to be amused. The tiny, upturned tail gives the little creature the appearance of a bird that was never quite finished. His stub of a tail gives him an unbalanced look, and if he turns to face you, he's hardly there at all.

PREDICTS WAGE HIKE

Washington –(UPI)– William C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, predicted Sunday that Congress would approve a 14 per cent average pay raise for federal workers, effective July 1.

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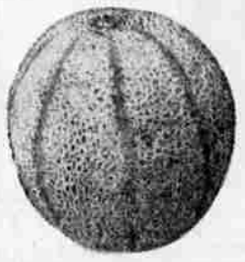

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