Family Council

Editors note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Mr. T.R. – She won't lift a finger at home and I want her to get out.

Mrs. T. R. – She has nowhere to go and I'd worry about her.

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Mr. T.R. – I think it's high time we got tough with Millie. What do you think of a 22-year-old girl who sits around the house all day, watching TV, reading and eating? Her mother is sickly, and so at first I thought it would be a good idea for Millie to stay home. After squeezing through high school, that's what she wanted to do – nothing! But I figured she'd help her mother.

Instead, she sat back and added to my wife's burdens. The work got so heavy I had to engage a maid. Now Millie asks the maid to do the things for her she used to make her mother do – iron her dresses, serve her supper, straighten her room. I want her to get a job, and take a room somewhere. Once I see her helping herself, I'll be glad to chip in.

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Mrs. T.R. – You don't just turn out a daughter. Where would she go? Millie's never been particularly ambitious. She barely finished high school and has no special training for a job. Maybe she could learn to sell in a store, but she doesn't know the first thing about business.

Maybe I spoiled her. My husband was away a lot and I kept Millie close to me. We're more like sisters than mother and daughter. She's wonderful company for me. I don't mind doing little things for her, picking up after her. She has a marvelous disposition and it's a joy to have her around.

I don't think Tim should nag her about helping. He can't stand seeing her sit quietly. He doesn't realize we'd need the maid whether Millie was here or not. I'm not well and household help is essential.

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The Council: "What shall we do about Millie?" puts Millie in the position of the red herring which diverts attention from the main question which may well be, and must have been for years, "What shall we do about ourselves?" ourselves being Mr. and Mrs. R.

We'll bet there are dozens of sore spots in this marriage which these parents would like to explore and thrash out, but the only one they can safely bring to the surface is Millie. And we'll discuss it on the surface. But we cannot refrain from noting that Millie's apathy and parasitism may well be the end products of a childhood fraught with confusion and divided loyalties.

From the brief colloquy above we already observe how her mother defends her from her father, how her father resents the expense and the indulgence tolerated because of her mother's invalidism. Each of these has more lava than love bubbling inside.

As to Millie, she appears to be a non-brought-up child. Any moves to set her straight are about 20 years late, but may still be effective. To speed things up, a psychological counselor may be able to lead Millie to the answers most people have already groped for at her age, answers to: What am I best suited for? Where can I best serve? What are my goals in life? Up to now she seems to have no more purpose in life than a carrot. And she, too, may be headed for a "stew," unless she is jarred from the unproductive daze she's in.

We agree with Mrs R. that Millie shouldn't be turned out. But her design for living should be turned inside out. Naive, dependent, untried, her fate on the outside could be worse than it is now. She might fall easy pre. to the wrong influences and Mr. R would regret exposing her to the winds. Instead she should be led (preferably by a guidance worker) to accept a new frontier in her life – that of giving instead of taking.

She will need help in standing up to her parents, her crippling mother and critical father. Her duties at home will have to be defined and insisted upon, as part of her membership dues in the family. And a job is in the cards for her, too. If she does not know the "first thing," there are training departments to teach her. Millie merely needs a goal.

(Written by Alma Denny)

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Nuclear Tests More Expensive Than Space Race

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
United Press International

Washington –(UPI)– It costs a lot of money to test nuclear weapons.

A year ago the Atomic Energy commission was asking Congress for $4 million under the heading of weapon testing.

That amount, AEC officials said, would be just about enough to keep a skeleton force at the Nevada test site through the 1962 fiscal year which ended June 30.

In less than a year, that $4 million estimate for testing shot up to $323,500,000.

The U. S. taxpayer has Soviet Russia to thank for this added burden. On Sept. 1, 1961, Russia broke a three-year moratorium and began the greatest test series in the history of nuclear arms.

On Sept. 15, 1961, the United States resumed test explosions in Nevada, detonating them under ground to keep from spreading radioactivity through the atmosphere.

Because of the progress made by Russia with her atmospheric tests, however, this country was driven in April to resumption of above-ground experimental detonations in the Pacific.

The AEC bill of $323,500,000 for the Nevada and Pacific tests covers a total period of about nine months. It is about half what the United States spent in 3½ years on its Mercury man-in-space program.

Nuclear devices are themselves costly, much more precious than gold. But they represent only a part of the expense of blowing them up.

Increased Costs

Officials say the underground tests in Nevada cost about twice what the same experiments would cost if carried out above ground at the same site. Drilling shot chambers in wells and tunnels hundreds of feet below the surface is extremely expensive.

So are a lot of other things, such as trucking supplies, building living quarters, constructing air-conditioned laboratories, and installing a multitude of other equipment in the Nevada desert.

To carry out the far bigger test shots in the Pacific required hasty mobilization of a task force of 12,000 men and hundreds of ships and aircraft. It also necessitated the provision of Thor rockets for high altitude tests over Johnston Island.

The AEC does not break down test costs by category, so it is impossible to say what the nuclear devices themselves added to the bill. Moreover, the defense department incurred certain costs in the Pacific series which presumably are not included in the AEC expense figure.

However costly, the Nevada and Pacific tests have paid off in terms of information needed to improve the nation's nuclear arsenal, according to AEC chairman Glenn T. Seaborg.

He told the House-Senate atomic energy committee that the Nevada tests "disclosed urgent needs which will be met on a priority basis."

He told a House appropriations subcommittee that the Pacific atmospheric tests "have yielded much needed and very useful new information."

Oregon Boasts Woman In Logging Business

Olney, Ore. –(UPI)– Mrs. Eva of the last exclusively male Wick is making inroads in one domains — the logging business.

She bosses a crew of two men and drives her own tractor. After the men fell the trees and saw them into desired lengths, Mrs. Wick hauls the logs out of the woods to a landing place where trucks pick them up. She even does her own tractor maintenance, changing oil and adjusting brakes.

New Shoe Protects Power Pusher Feet

St. Louis, Mo. – (UPI) – A new safety shoe for pushers of power mowers has a concealed steel safety toe cap. The style: the popular moccasin toe oxford.

The manufacturer, International Shoe company, includes in its description of the shoe these safety tips for power mower users – never refuel a hot engine, keep children away, cut across on inclines, stop engine and disconnect sparkplug before reaching under mower.

NAMES WITH POLISH

New York –(UPI)– Champagne, aluminum, pumpkin, cedar, bluebird, ecru, huntress, flame, demon, toast brown, putty pearl, graphite, nude, orchid and clover are names of new women's shoe color dyes manufactured by a shoe care products company.