



MEETING OF THE MINDS—Secretary of State Dean Rusk is shown as he met in Washington with West German Foreign Minister Gerhard Schröder, right, in an attempt to clear up Allied misunderstandings over Berlin. (UPI)

The Medical Roundup

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Good Way of Handling Claims

For a long time, the handling of malpractice claims has done no credit to the intelligence of our people.



Alvarez

Often, as I read in a medical journal a summary of the evidence taken in a malpractice suit, I get a strong impression, from my life-time of medical experience, that either the claimant (patient) had no case, or else the defendant (doctor or hospital or drug house) had made a mistake, or the patient was at fault in that he was extremely and abnormally and almost uniquely sensitive to a drug used, or it was the sort of case in which only God could say why things had gone wrong.

Now, I am happy to read that in the City of New York, four very able physicians have agreed to serve as an advisory panel on all malpractice claims against the city. As I understand it (1) the claims will quickly be examined, (2) if the panel of doctors think there was negligence and poor judgment or malpractice, they will advise that the claim be immediately accepted and settled, or (3) if they think the claimant has no case, they will advise the city attorneys to fight.

Such panels have been very helpful in some other cities. I understand that in several places the plan has worked well, and has made for good public relations because people have soon learned that if they really were wronged, their doctor will be strongly advised to accept his responsibility and pay up.

Treatment for Migraine

I recently received a letter from a woman who says that when desperate with migraine, she went to a man who is said to be an expert in this field. As usually happens today, he put her in a hospital, and during the three weeks she was given every test known to science. As always happens in cases of migraine, nothing was found that could cause the migraine, but the bill was in four figures. The woman says the doctor then saw her for ten minutes; he said, "Don't touch ergotamine, it can do you harm," and dismissed her.

To my way of thinking, this was poor advice because ergotamine, in several forms, is the one drug which, given quickly at the start of a sick headache — before nausea comes — will usually

abort the spell. For some 40 years I have been giving this drug to hundreds of women, and as yet I have seen no bad results from it. Only a few women refused to take it because they seemed to be allergic to it. It can be taken by mouth, as a pill, or a spray; or it can be dissolved under the tongue or taken in a rectal suppository, or, best of all, it can be injected hypodermically. A related and often very helpful, but weaker, drug is DHE45. It is best injected under the skin, when it works well it is a joy.

What is sad is that I know of no drug that, as yet, can be counted on to keep the headaches from coming. A new one has recently come on the market but so far my patients have not been enthusiastic about it. I have seen migraine disappear when the woman learned to quit fussing at life — to quit trying to have everything run just so, and right on time, and as planned. The trouble with most migrainous women (men usually have only a mild form of the disease) is that they are overly sensitive and they are perfectionists.

If you suffer from migraine headaches, or members of your family do, you will want Dr. Alvarez' 25-cent booklet, "Migraine or Sick 'headaches'." You may obtain it by sending 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request for it to Dr. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Scores of people write asking me about gastritis, and I can't tell them much, if only because, after years of study of the problems of gastritis, I am not sure what the symptoms are, granting that the changes in the lining of the stomach produce any symptoms at all. For this reason I think today few stomach specialists diagnose gastritis.

Incidentally, the word gastritis has nothing to do with gas. The letter "gastr" comes from the Greek word for stomach, and "itis" means an inflammation. Usually, when a patient comes in with the diagnosis of gastritis, I examine him thoroughly, I end up saying, "I am sorry, but I don't know whether you have it or not. Worse yet, if you have it, I don't know how to cure it."

Many people want to know if gastritis will lead to the coming of cancer. All I can say is that if a person has had his stomach pumped and if he has no acid in the gastric juice (indicating an atrophic gastritis), and especially if he has pernicious anemia, his chances of getting a cancer of the stomach are several times larger than those of the average person.

FAMILY COUNCIL

Editor's 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.)

Glenn T.—She has broken her parents' heart by turning agnostic.

Myrna B.—Why must my parents insist that I believe what they believe?

Glenn T.—My niece is 25, married and the mother of two children. Her mother is my sister and we are a closely knit family. We watched Myrna grow up and we rejoiced that she joined into church activities so enthusiastically. When she married a fellow from New York, she had a beautiful church wedding and took her vows at the altar.

But that was six years ago and tragedy has set in since then. At least it's tragic to our family, and especially to my sister and her husband. Myrna has renounced the church. She says she and her husband have a new philosophy. Her children haven't been baptized, and have never stepped inside a house of worship.

How can she be so disrespectful and ungrateful?

Myrna B.—Once away from all the small-town narrowness I grew up with, I realized that the important thing was to be kind and good, not to sit through boring sermons and turn the pages of prayer books. My husband opened my eyes to other philosophies. He's a college professor, teaches psychology and logic, and has traveled all over the world. Our friends are other couples who feel as we do, that this is the real world, that both heaven and hell must be right here, and that trusting to the unknown and waiting for the hereafter is a waste of time on earth, as well as an affront to intelligence.

I love my parents dearly and I regret that they are taking this so hard. But just because the church fills their needs doesn't mean it must automatically fill mine. They should think about that.

The Council: Some defections from the family "ways" stem from normal rebelliousness, are more emotional than reasoned and are restored when anger is spent, and the "point" has been made—namely that the prodigal has a mind of his own. In Myrna's case, however, the parting of the ways at the foot of the church steps seems more serious. Our exhortations, therefore, are not that she return to the fold merely to make the family happy, but that the family try to accept the fact that she has found a peace and a grace which seem to satisfy her. Although some churchmen will object to our position here, we accept Myrna's thesis that the "faith" of a child need not necessarily be the identical faith of the father.

While Glenn and the family believed and hoped that Myrna would just follow along in the traditional spiritual paths, they must now grant her and her husband the right to soul-search on their own for the answers which fill in the spaces still left blank to them, despite the years of church instruction. Must a child automatically like Beethoven because his parent does? How much deeper his enjoyment if he finds, by happy coincidence, that Beethoven speaks directly to him, too, as to his parents, that Beethoven supplies the emotional food for which he is hungry?

Tell Myrna's parents, Glenn, that all is not lost. Myrna is probing the world's best thoughts, philosophies, moral systems, in search of insight into both herself and her parents. It is a compliment to the latter that she was able to cut loose and still remain



BECOMES BRIDE—A very feminine bridal veil is flying in the wind as Georgina Turtle, 39, a former pipe-smoking naval officer who officially became a woman two years ago, leaves a church in London after marrying Christopher Somerset. The bride had been known as George Turtle until a sex-change operation in 1960. (UPI)

Oregon Projects to Provide Work for 900 Men Per Year

When President John F. Kennedy signed the Congressional bill authorizing construction of a new unit of the Chief Joseph Dam project in Washington and additions to the Talent division of the Rogue River project and the Upper division of the Baker project, both in Oregon, it provided employment for the equivalent of 900 men working a year.

The three projects will cost \$11 million, the department of interior's bureau of reclamation reported. The Rogue River project authorization permitted construction of additional storage and diversion facilities of the Talent division. Principal works of the Talent division additions will include Agate dam on Dry Creek, the 4,600 acre-foot Agate reservoir, Antelope Creek diversion dam, a short diversion and feeder canal, and a fish ladder and fish screen at the diversion dam.

The new water conservation works will yield approximately 4,620 acre-feet of water annually which will be used to irrigate 1,810 acres of land in the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district and to supplement supplies for 4,820 acres of presently irrigated lands. Estimated cost of the proposed new works is \$1,874,000, most of which is allocated to irrigation. Water users would contract to repay \$99,000 of this over 30 years, and the balance of reimbursable costs would be repaid with surplus power revenues from the Greensprings power plant of the Talent division.

Jerry Yost Named To Student Senate

Jerry Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yost, 1603 Jasmine ave., Medford, who is now a student at Pacific Union college in Angwin, Calif., took office this week as a member of the student senate.

He is in his junior year at Pacific Union college where he is majoring in speech and minoring in religion. Pacific Union college, a Seventh-day Adventist liberal arts college, is located on Howell mountain in Napa county.

Student senators, elected yearly in the fall quarter, form a committee which acts as liaison between the student body as a whole and the college administration. The select student-faculty council also chooses its student members from the senate.

appreciative, loving and understanding toward them.

As they stand by, however, waiting for Myrna and her husband to evolve a workable code to live by, they must not wring their hands at their loss. Myrna may well wind up by returning to the fold. She may not be satisfied with a religious "vacuum." She will either find a substitute for "that old-time religion," such as humanism, Ethical Culture, Bahai, etc., or revert some day to the old "tried and true" of her ancestors.

American, Japanese Authors Mentioned For Nobel Prize

Stockholm (UPI)—American and Japanese authors figure in mounting speculation here on the winner of this year's Nobel Prize for literature, to be announced Oct. 25.

Informed sources say that between 50 and 60 names have been proposed for consideration by the Swedish Academy of Letters, which awards the literature prize.

American novelist John Steinbeck, who was considered some years ago, was put back on the list this year in a high position, the sources said.

Israeli theologian Martin Buber, who was recommended as a candidate last year by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, is another possible top-runner.

Sources Disagree

Some sources said the academy perhaps would consider giving the prize to Buber for his book "I and Thou," which Hammarskjöld had planned to translate into Swedish. But others said the book was written too long ago to receive the prize now.

Japanese writers Jurozaburo Nishiwaki, Janichiro Tanizaki and Yasunari Kawabata also have been mentioned in pre-award speculation, with Tanizaki considered the leading contender among them.

Swedish author Harry Martinsson caused a sensation when he visited Japan last spring and announced the Swedish academy had three Japanese candidates on the literature prize list. It was reported here the news was not appreciated by Japanese

authors who would consider it a loss of prestige to be nominated and then lose.

Other Possibles

The sources also gave other possible candidates as Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, William Heinesen of Denmark's Faroe Islands, and Britons Lawrence Durrell, Graham Greene, Robert Graves and Aldous Huxley.

In 1961, Yugoslav novelist Ivo Andric won the literature prize, the Nobel award that usually attracts the greatest attention each year and causes the most speculation. For the next few weeks, the name of the 1962 winner will be the well-guarded secret of the Nobel committees and the Nobel Foundation.

This year the prize is worth 257,219 kroner (\$50,043), compared with 250,232 kroner (\$48,683) last year.

The prize was first awarded in 1901 with bequests under Nobel's will.

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