

TO POLICE OLYMPICS

Tokyo—The national police agency announced today that 130,000 men will be mobilized during the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964. The total will include 100,000 uniformed policemen and 30,000 plainclothesmen, a spokesman said.

Dangerous, Subversive

Agriculture Marketing Bulletin Could Disrupt Domestic Bliss

By DICK WEST
Washington—(UPI)—The Agriculture departments market-

ing bulletin No. 22 apparently has received only limited circulation, for which I am grateful.

No. 22 makes a study of the cost of serving canned, frozen and "instant" foods as compared to the cost of preparing the same dishes at home.

This is certainly innocuous enough and might even be considered a public service. But the bulletin does not stop there.

It goes on to provide charts which show how much a wife's time in the kitchen is worth.

In my opinion, gentlemen, that disclosure is not only potentially dangerous but downright subversive.

Take, for example, an eight-ounce serving of beef stew. According to the agriculture bulletin, the retail cost for the canned variety is 71 cents.

But if a housewife makes the same amount of stew from scratch, the cost is 77 cents.

There have been times when the beef stew my wife cooked tasted as if it might

have been made from scratch. Culinary merits, however, are not the issue here.

In the second column of the chart, the time spent in preparing this dish is listed as two minutes for canned stew and 30 minutes for a home-cooked serving.

A bit of quick arithmetic shows that this is a saving of six cents and 28 minutes. If word of that gets around, you can guess who is going to have canned stew for supper from now on.

An even more ominous chart is one which computes the value of her time for preparing eight potato dishes which also are available in frozen, dried and canned form.

It shows that "for six of the eight products, the homemaker is earning less than 50 cents an hour."

My favorite potatoes are french fries, and my wife hates to fry anything. According to the bulletin, when she is frying potatoes she is, in effect, earning four cents an hour.

This is what I mean about the bulletin stirring up trouble. Domestic bliss is hard enough to achieve without letting housewives know that they are being underpaid.

The Medical Roundup

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Disabled Not All Helpless

I recently read an article by Dr. R. R. Yanover of Flushing, N.Y., who for years has been associated with Henry Viscardi Jr. Viscardi employs 400 people, every one of whom has some physical handicap, such as the loss of an arm or a leg, an eye or ear or of their hearing.

A while ago in this column I told of a day I spent with Viscardi and his group in their factory which is called Abilities, Inc., and is located in Albertson, N.Y.

It was one of the most stimulating experiences of my life to see 400 people hard at work, many of them in wheelchairs, all of them so handicapped that probably no employment manager of an ordinary company would think of taking them. And yet, with Viscardi, they are all working hard, earning a good living and competing with other companies in putting together electronic apparatus.

It was astounding to see what men without hands could do. Viscardi himself was once crippled. Years ago, Dr. Yanover found a very expert maker of artificial limbs who enabled Viscardi to get up off the ground and go to work.

As Dr. Yanover says so well, many disabled persons are anything but helpless. They are not only able to work productively, but are able each day to get to work and in other ways lead a normal life. Many of these people are now working successfully after a long period of hospitalization. Viscardi has proved that many severely disabled persons with little or no experience in industry, or with long periods of unemployment in which they have hunted and hunted for work, are able to work productively if given a chance.

Good Bowler
Many of these people, when given employment, marry, have children and come to own their own homes, automobiles and TV sets. I remember seeing one man in the factory who had a very important job. He had no hands, but I was told that he was a good bowler. He certainly was a merry, friendly man.

The lesson to be learned from all this is that in every big city we must have more shops designed for men who are handicapped because of some disease such as epilepsy which makes them ineligible for many jobs. All "assorted charity" people should be able to see now that it is immensely better to give a man a job with which he can make a good living than to each month hand out relief money for him.

As Viscardi has shown, not every handicapped person can be employed; some people seem willing to be dependent

and to be on relief. Actually, only 1 in 3 persons who apply to Viscardi for a job is accepted.

It is very interesting to note that their accident rate is very low, and that their sick leave has been only 1 day out of 100 working days, which is less than the national average of 1.3 days. The absentee rate for reasons other than illness has been only 1.1 per 100 working days compared with the national average of 3.3 days. Also the drop-out rate at Abilities, Inc., is non-existent, since all the employees are so happy to have work which enable them to live like other people do, and to have a family and children. An occasional person quits his job because with the skill he has developed he is able to get a job at a factory which is nearer his home.

Recently Viscardi has built a big physiotherapy department in which his workers receive much help in building back strength and good health into their frail or injured bodies.

Blind May Learn
I agree with Viscardi that the physicians who now advise employment managers to

reject a man because he has a heart murmur or some increase in blood pressure should change their attitudes. They should admit that a woman who is blind may learn to do a good job of handling a telephone switchboard, or she may learn to type well.

Viscardi told me of a splendid mechanic who came asking for a job. For some time he has been unable to find work because he had such a very high blood pressure that he might die any day. Viscardi put him to work and he did so well that soon he was a

supervisor. To be sure, he died after a few years, but in those years he did excellent work, and Viscardi did not lose anything by his kindness.

Actually, today Viscardi is spending much of his time and thought in spreading throughout the world the idea that many a badly handicapped man, perhaps living in a wheelchair, can do excellent work in a factory. "Hank" is changing the thoughts of employment managers all over the world.

Among the diseases which prohibit gainful employment in many industries is epilepsy.

Dr. Alvarez clears up some misconceptions about this disease in his booklet, "What is Epilepsy?" To obtain your copy, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

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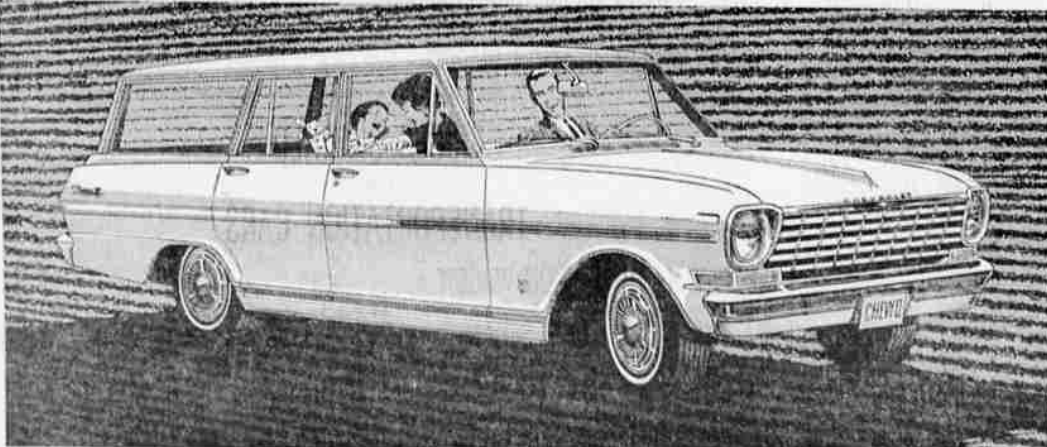
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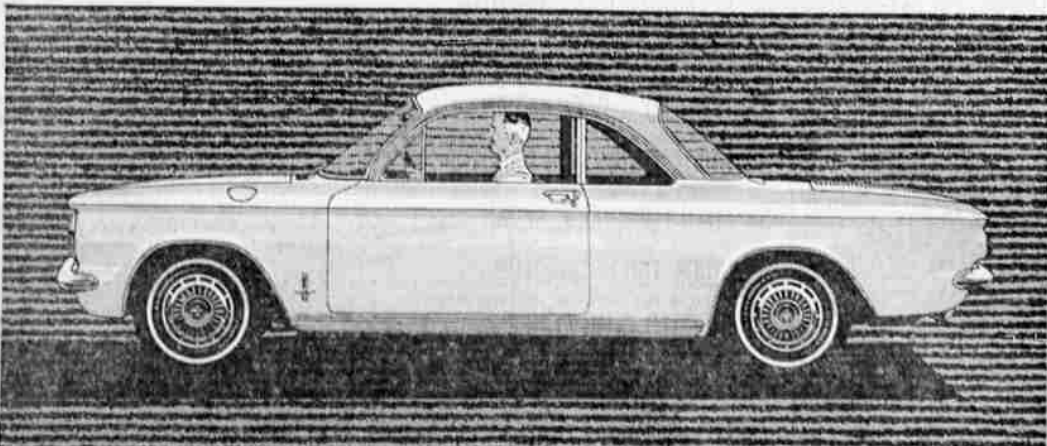
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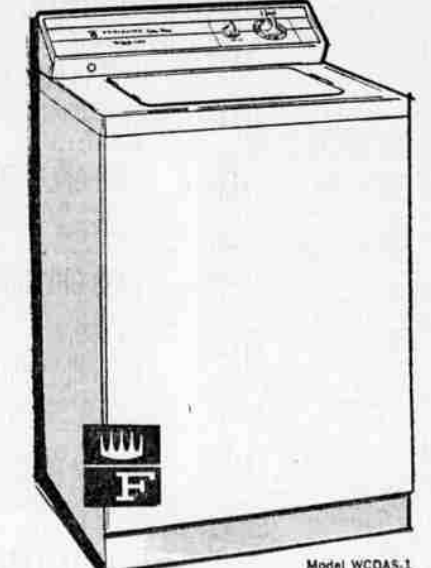
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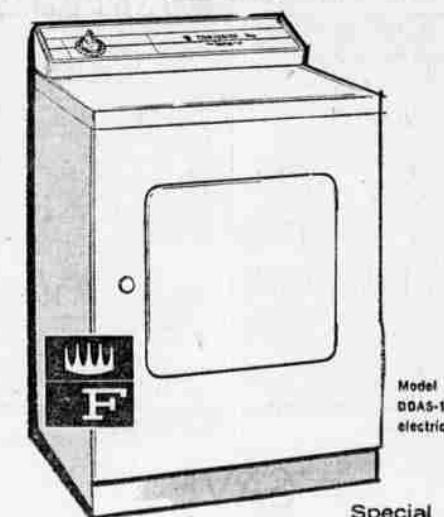
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