

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 Denay. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Peter B. — We made a mess of our marriage. Maybe we can start all over.

Dora B. — He hurt me too much. I just want my children, not him.

Peter B. — We were married 20 years ago and from the start things went wrong. We have three daughters, now 10, 13 and 18, and they have not had a normal home for the past seven years. That's when Dora left me.

My sister and I took care of the two younger girls, and I boarded the oldest with an elderly couple. She has just gotten married and lives in Utah. As I look back, I see that our trouble was partly my fault. I used to bribe the girls to spy on Dora and report her every move to me. I was insanely jealous and I unfairly lined up the kids against her.

I'm more sensible now. Life has been hard for us both, I know. I've asked her to come back and make a home again. She flatly refuses.

Dora B. — I didn't leave. I was forced out by his poisoning the children against me. They sassed me and had no respect. He actually ordered me to leave when one of them reported I'd been out with another man. It was true, but I hadn't done anything wrong. I just needed some cheering up and I got it.

That wasn't all. Between Pete and his sister they handed me every kind of cruelty. They wouldn't let me see my children at first. Then, when they did, I was crushed to see how brazen and vulgar the girls were growing up. In the last year, however, I've been able to have a few heart-to-heart talks with my oldest daughter and she confesses that they really love me, but were forced to lie about me and to me. Also, he let me go to jail four years ago on a contempt charge for non-payment of a joint debt — his and mine. No, I'll return to my children, but not him.

The Council: There's one thing the Council becomes more and more certain of — namely, there are always two sides. The format of this column proclaims this daily. So if Peter admits publicly that he made mistakes, can't Dora 'fess up a bit, too? What really happened during those 13 years of living together?

How could children, for example, be used as tools against their mother without her raising a finger to block it? A wife and mother has recourse. There are clergymen, lawyers, policemen, child welfare authorities to protect to. Can it be that Dora was just a little bit guilty of Peter's charges? And have we heard the whole story about the jail episode? Most puzzling, how come everybody believed Peter and not Dora? Had she established a reputation for cheating?

The usual pattern in domestic upsets is to side with the mother, especially when there are young children. For matters to be so inside-out as here, there must have been some genuine provocation on Dora's part. Even browbeaten, brainwashed children would find some way to tell the truth, perhaps to a teacher or friend, to rescue their mother if she were the victim of a pack of lies.

On the record, then, we say go back, Dora. Most important is a reunited home, despite the bitter taste. Bad as things were, isn't this worse? Husband, wife, children under several roofs when they might try for one, again? This time, the local branch of your Family Service association might "oversee" the behavior of all for a period, because all have been injured by the past. The children, in particular, have been damaged and tainted by "childish" parents.

Time works wonders. Some people just grow older. Lucky ones grow wiser. A reunited home will reveal whether the B.'s have grown, or merely aged.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

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* LITTLE BOY SAYS HE CAN'T WRITE, SO HE WANTS TO TALK WITH SANTA CLAUS!...

Eldest McGuire Sister Given Divorce Decree

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — The eldest of the singing McGuire sisters, Christine, was awarded a divorce Tuesday on grounds of extreme cruelty.

No alimony or support was involved in Miss McGuire's divorce from John H. Teeter of New York. Miss McGuire, 36, was granted custody of her two sons by a previous marriage whom Teeter had adopted, and received an apartment here and 14 acres of land in Nevada.

Passenger Hurt in Highway 99 Mishap

A passenger suffered minor injuries in a two-car accident on Highway 99 a half mile south of Phoenix Monday night, state police said.

Betty June Peyton, 19, of 6120 Crater Lake highway, Medford, was treated for scalp cuts at Rogue Valley hospital and released, hospital attendants said.

A car driven by Dorothy Ann Ward, 21, of 1368 Hilton rd., Medford, and one driven by Roland Everett Peyton, 6120 Crater Lake highway, were involved.

British Cartoonist Pokes at Outrage

Manchester, England — Sir David Low, cartoonist for the Guardian, poked fun today at British outrage over the proposed U.S. scrapping of the Skybolt missile and said Britain owes much to American generosity.

Low's cartoon showed a British soldier lying in a feather bed pointing at a newspaper headlined, "Skybolt News" and complaining, "Stingy Yanks! They could easily spring another 3.5 billion quid (pounds). Serves them right if I let myself be beaten flat."

On the wall behind the bed were pictures of Franklin

BOY BITES DOG

Budapest — The owner of a dog named Front sued the parent of a 10-year-old boy named Laci today on charges the child bit the pet on the nose.

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- Lighting
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- Mixer
- Exhaust Fan
- Coffee Maker
- Toaster
- Waffle Iron
- Ventilating Fans—2
- Fire Alarm System
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- Corn Popper
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- Rotisserie
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