

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

COMPOSER JOHN GAGE, a favorite of the avant garde, probably will be remembered most fondly—by his undergraduate followers, anyhow—for a composition entitled "Four Minutes and Thirty-Three Seconds," which requires a pianist to sit in complete silence before the keyboard for four minutes and thirty-three seconds, his eyes glued to a stop-watch, after which he stalks off the podium without having played a single note. This is one piece you can play as well as Cliburn!



The editor of a brand-new digest magazine wired a famous author in Switzerland offering him five thousand dollars for a "definitive article on the aims and significance of the Common Market." The writer accepted the assignment. "Fine! Fine! Go to it," said the editor, "but please remember to confine your article to fifteen words."

SIGN HERE:
Outside a dental parlor: "To keep your teeth in perfect condition, see your dentist twice a year—and don't argue with your wife!"
At a supermarket in Paramus, N. J.: "The Finest Liquors; the best fruits. Where the beer and the cantaloupe play!"
In a store pushing low-priced swimming pools: "Instant Pleasure: Just Add Water."

Strictly Personal

By Sydney J. Harris
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PERSONALITY TRAITS

I was having lunch with a magazine publisher from New York, in the course of which he mentioned a man we both knew. "Sam would make a fine editor," he said, "if only he would learn to give the other fellow a chance to speak up."
"Yes," I agreed, "but then he wouldn't be Sam any more; he would be somebody else."
One of the most frequent mistakes we make lies in assuming that a personality is a collection of traits, or that a personality is merely the sum of its parts. Personality is a way of organizing these parts.

Sam's "bad trait" - his unwillingness to give others a chance to speak up - is directly related to his "good" traits. They are integrated in a complex structure, like a set of molecules, and removing or changing one would affect the whole nature of the structure.
If we look at persons dynamically, and not simply as a static set of traits, we can see that certain defects are the price they pay for their virtues, just as an ulcer or migraine is the price some people pay for their perfectionism or their passivity or their aggressiveness.

This is why "pointing out" a bad trait to a colleague or a subordinate - even in a kindly and well-meaning way - usually does no good, and may even do some harm. It makes him feel worse, and does not enable him to act any better.
When we single out one trait or characteristic and ask the person to change it, we are really asking him to change the organization of his whole personality; and this is a formidable task for which most of us are not equipped, especially when it has taken us years of effort to achieve some success and equilibrium with this particular organization of our traits.
Perhaps we can see the problem more clearly if we conceive of the personality as a closely integrated team of acrobats who stand on one another's shoulders - three men below, then two on top of them, and finally one on the top. If we change the position of any one of the men, or take one away, the whole act is different. And, indeed, it may be the man on the bottom (who we find "undesirable") that enables the top man to maintain his precarious balance.
Of course, people change, and modify their conduct, and learn from experience if they are open to it. But it is important to know that some

"bad" traits make the good ones possible, just as the pathology in the oyster produces the pearl.

4-H NEWS

Antelope Club
Mothers of members of the Antelope Clothing and Cooking 4-H club were special guests at a Valentine party in the home of Mrs. Philip Nevin. Gifts were exchanged and luncheon was served.

Gretchen Ousterhout gave a demonstration, "Crack-a-nut pie," after the cooking meeting. Paulette Anderson read a letter of thanks from the Veterans Administration domiciliary for cookies and candy which members gave the men for Christmas.

The club's next meeting will be Feb. 16 at the home of Kathy and Janis Pritchard. A trip to a bakery is tentatively planned.

Central Point Spare Ribs
The January meeting of the Central Point Spare Ribs 4-H club was held at the Central Point little gym.

We talked about having a 4-H window in Crockett's hardware store in Central Point. Sue Cornutt and Judy Wilson gave a demonstration and the meeting was adjourned.

Antelope Livestock
The monthly meeting of the Antelope 4-H Livestock club was held at the Antelope school house. Roll call was answered by giving weights of steers.

Bill Bigham, 4-H club leader, talked about how the beef members should take care of their animals.

Ron Anderson offered to help any of the beef members who had problems. Record books were passed out.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 21.

Happy Homemakers
The Phoenix Happy Homemakers 4-H club met at the Phoenix High school home economics room recently. We had our annual breakfast meeting. First-year girls made fruit juices, second-year girls made muffins and third and fourth-year girls prepared eggs, and fifth-year girls made cinnamon rolls.

Peggy Barklow and Mindy Hackett acted as hostesses. We also welcomed a new member to our club, Sharla Mankins.

Our next meeting will be March 2.

MARK OF HIS TRADE
San Pedro, Calif. - When Dr. Edwin L. Glover received his 1963 state automobile license plates he was quite satisfied to see the letter prefix read "EYE." Glover is an optometrist.

Another man, Robert Cooley of John Day, was hospitalized for treatment of non-serious injuries.

The crash occurred about 20 miles east of Prineville.

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Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann
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THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF DE GAULLE

Speaking of the final rejection at Brussels of the British application to join the Common Market, the Times of London says that "The immediate task for Britain is to put her own house in order" and then concludes by saying that "Only radical measures will do now."

If we ask ourselves what kind of radical measures we are bound, I am afraid, to answer that, in excluding Britain from Europe and seeking to expel the United States, General de Gaulle is pushing the Western world away from liberalism and ever more deeply into protection, regimentation and government planning.

If the British now take radical measures to earn their living, they will almost certainly have to face the prospect of freezing wages, compulsory arbitration, planned and directed capital investment and the regulation of private profits.

SEEN in its historical perspective, Macmillan's decision to apply for membership in the European Economic Community and Kennedy's proposal for a transatlantic low-tariff trade partnership were joint and parallel efforts to set the Western world on a liberal course.

I would say in parenthesis that I am using the word "liberal" in its true and historical meaning and not in the perverted meaning given to it by the early New Dealers and the latter-day right-wing conservatives. A liberal economy is one in which the preponderant mass of economic transactions are made in free markets and not by decree of the central government.

Britain wanted the opportunity to sell in the big European market, and it wanted to be stimulated by the competition which industry in the United Kingdom would face as part of a bigger market. The United States has wanted a wider and freer world market in which, as industry expanded, prosperity would be more and more widely diffused. This is the liberal economic design which the general has shattered.

IN DOING this, he dealt not only with the British membership and the American partnership. He dealt also with the internal condition of the Common Market itself.

There is no more significant passage in the general's press conference of January 14 than the one in which he told the world and also the other five members what kind of economy they were going to live in. I quote the crucial paragraph in full. It will be much discussed in the days to come.

"The system of the six consists of making a pool of the agricultural products of their entire community, of strictly determining their prices, of forbidding subsidizing, of organizing their consumption between all members and of making it obligatory for each of these members to pay the community any savings they might make by having foodstuffs brought in from outside instead of consuming those offered by the Common Market."

This says that the Common Market is to be a closed agricultural system in which French foodstuffs, particularly wheat and feed grains, are to have a monopoly at an arbitrarily high price. The other five members cannot obtain cheap foodstuffs from the Western Hemisphere. For although these are produced and sold at far lower cost, the so-called variable levy brings their purchase price in Europe up to the high price of European feed and grain. This is meant to be a prohibitive penalty.

THE radical measures which the general will compel the general will compel

Prairie City Man Killed in Accident
Prineville - Richard Sherman, 36, Prairie City, was killed when his automobile plunged off fog-shrouded Highway 26 east of here Monday night.

Another man, Robert Cooley of John Day, was hospitalized for treatment of non-serious injuries.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The foreign news today? It's a mish-mash. If you can figure it all out, you're good.

THE trouble seems to have started when we miffed the British by making them change their weapons plans from our Skybolt missile to our Polaris missile. In our dealings with Britain's Macmillan over the missile business, we appear to have miffed France's President De Gaulle, who felt that he was being left out of the lodge.

The dispatches suggest—Feeling left out of the former U.S.-British-French lodge, President De Gaulle seems to have decided to start a lodge of his own. In his new lodge (axis), the diplomats call it) he first included Chancellor Adenauer and his West Germany.

There are broad hints that he is planning to include Spain in his new axis. (That story comes from Moscow, so we'd better take it with several grains of salt.)

WHAT suggestion MIFFS US. In particular, it miffs Oregon's Senator Morse, who is a member of the august Senate Foreign Relations committee. In Washington, Senator Morse says:

"If France wants to go it alone... then I think the French should be told to GO IT ALONE. The U.S. is giving more money to France than to ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. We've given 9 1/2 billion dollars to France,

and the sad fact is that France is not assuming her responsibilities under NATO—the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."
Senator Morse then added: "We're going to take a long look at how much more we're going to give France until she assumes her fair share of NATO."

MEANWHILE—We seem to have miffed the Canadians by telling them, rather bluntly, it appears, that their armed forces need U.S. nuclear weapons, and they'd better get 'em pronto.
Now we seem to have EVERYBODY miffed at us.

A. H. ME!
This foreign alliances business. It has its problems.

THERE are times when—in spite of all the water that has gone under the bridge since 1796—in spite of all the tremendous changes that have come about in the world

Gold Beach Man's Car Found in River

By FRANK JENKINS

Gold Beach - UPI - A car owned by a missing Gold Beach man was found in the Rogue river four miles north of here Tuesday by Curry county sheriff's deputies.

A search continued for Alex Hill, 61, missing since Sunday night.

Skindivers were sent out from the sheriff's office after a motorist reported skid marks at the edge of a road 250 feet above the point where the car was found.

since then - it is very difficult indeed to keep from agreeing whole-heartedly with President Washington when in his Farewell Address to his countrymen he said:

"The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have them as little POLITICAL connection as possible."
"It is our true policy to STEADY CLEAR of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world."

Elks Lodge To Build Big Retirement Home

By FRANK JENKINS

Portland - UPI - Plans for a 300-unit, 10 story retirement home in southwest Portland to cost \$3.5 million was announced Tuesday by the Elks Lodge.

The home will be located on 9.5 acres of land at SW 25th ave. and Capitol Highway, providing the city council grants a zone change.

ABA PICKS VIRGINIAN

By FRANK JENKINS

New Orleans - UPI - Le S. F. Powell Jr., 55, of Richmond, Va., has been named president-elect of the American Bar Association.

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