STRIKING RESEMBLANCE—Princess Margaret's husband, the Earl of Snowden, has taken a photograph of the princess in regal dress in which she bears a striking resemblance to Queen Victoria, her great-great-grandmother. In this combo, the portrait of Princess Margaret is at right. At left is a portrait of Queen Victoria in her coronation robes in 1837. The photograph of Princess Margaret first appeared in the official program for the charity premiere of a film in London. (UPI)

Former President Of India Passes

Calcutta, India—(UPI)—Former Indian President Rajendra Prasad, 78, died Thursday night of pleuropneumonia at his home in Patna 200 miles west of here.

One of Ghandi's closest diciples, Prasad rose from peasant stock to become India's first president.

During his 12 years in office, he gained a position of respect matched only by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Turn-About Party Set Tonight at Domiciliary

A Veterans Administration bus will be at the Greyhound Bus depot at 7:30 o'clock tonight to pick up volunteers who plan to attend the annual recognition and turn-about party at the VA Domiciliary, White City.

The turn-about party is scheduled at 8 o'clock tonight for volunteers from organizations in southern Oregon and northern California. The party will be held in the Domiciliary theater.

Excursion Train

West Contemplates Proposal for Newspaper Starved New Yorkers

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI) — Those of us who live out in the interlands don't realize how bad it is to be without newspapers until we talk to someone from New York. The ghastliness of this form of deprivation was impressed upon me by a New York press agent who was a visitor in Washington this week.

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He called me up and spent 15 minutes or so in conversation without once mentioning the names of any of his clients. That sort of behavior was so unnatural that I finally asked him if something were wrong.

"It's the newspaper strike," he said. "It's beginning to get me down."

"I suppose the strike is tough on someone in your line of work," I sympathized. "Leaves you without any place to plant plugs."

Can't Keep Pace

"It's not that so much," he said. "It's not being able to keep up with the news that bothers me."

"Radio and television newscasts don't satisfy you, eh?" I said.

"It's not that so much," he said. "The news programs are okay when you can hear them. The trouble is that I'm usually out when they come on."

"My wife listens and when I get home she gives me a fill-in. That's what makes the strike so dreadful. You can't imagine what it's like when your only contact with the outside world is your wife paraphrasing Huntley-Brinkley."

I commiserated as best I could and, in an effort to get his mind off the blackout, inquired of the nature of his mission to the capital.

"I'm not here on business at all," he said. "I just flew down to read some newspapers."

After the poor fellow rang off I picked up a copy of a local paper and chanced to read an article about a man who started a career in the theater business by organizing "show train" excursions in Cincinnati.

His modus operandi was to charter a train and take a group of Cincinnati drama lovers to New York for four days of theater-going. The charge was $86.50 a head, which covered all expenses.

This started me to thinking that some enterprising promoter probably could turn a quick profit by organizing similar excursions during the newspaper strike.

The idea would be to charter a plane and load it up with news-starved New Yorkers like that press agent I encountered. Then they would all fly to Cincinnati and spend four days reading newspapers.

Consumer Price Up To New Record High

San Francisco — (UPI) — The average level of consumer prices in Portland rose to a new all time high in January, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced.

Prices for food, housing and medical care increased.

The rise in overall prices over the October to January quarter amounted to 0.4 per cent, bringing the consumer price index to 1.8 per cent higher than in January of 1962.

MAY FILE

Ogden, Utah —(UPI)— Former Airman Gerald M. Anderson said Thursday he probably would file a suit against the federal government within 10 days in conenction with his recent lengthy confinement on murder charges.

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Quotes From the News

New York—Mimi Benzell, former Metropolitan Opera star, speaking up for a natural attitude toward nudity in the home:

"If you can't take your clothes off in the family circle, where can you do it?"

Washington—President Kennedy, confessing to visitors that he could not identify a certain painting in a White House room:

"I don't know, those things have changed so much."

Charlotte, N.C.—City Judge P. B. Beachum Jr., who has been sentencing drunken drivers to jail sentences running from 6 p.m. each day to 6 a.m. the next:

"I could fine them but that would only take money away from their families. And I do not want to send them to prison because that might make them lose their jobs."

Atlanta—Georgia Gov. Carl E. Sanders, on hearing reports that highway clip joints in the state were fleecing tourists.:

"We'll have none of that as long as I'm governor."

Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER

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Editor's note: Sylvia Porter is on vacation. During her absence a column by Ralph McGill is being substituted. McGill is currently on a tour of African nations, about which he is writing.

DANCE CALLED HIGH-LIFE

Accra, Ghana—There is a report that even now the Ghanaian dance, High-Life, which has been danced here for a long time—some argue a century or so—is even now taking hold in the United States. It is sure to sweep the country in a manner to cause one to forget the twist, and dance teachers will do well to be prepared.

Mr. Cozy Cole, the celebrated American jazz drummer, has been stirring West Africa with his revue. He and his players are one of the cutural programs of the State Department and unquestionably are a loud success. Five Ghanaian bands met Mr. Cole, his musicians, and entertainers, at the airport here and the sound of music has hardly stopped since that hour.

High-Life music interests Mr. Cole, and his first piece of work when he returns to America will be to record the beat of it. By autumn the campuses and clubs should be shaking to the sound of millions of feet dancing to the music. High-Life has been described as a frenzied, individualistic cha-cha-cha.

In an attempt to keep pace with cultural beginnings and advancements, I attended a reception given in honor of Mr. Cole. One of the local bands, The Jazz Kings, played and there was dancing. It was still going on when I left at 4 a.m. and most of it had been High-Life. There are no real gyrations in it. To the ignorant and uninformed eye the dance seems to consist largely of two short staccato steps with the right foot and two with the left. But there is a rhythm. It is not expressed in any motions but the true High-Life dancer manages just the same. When the drum goes "brom" there is a rippling rhythm. A young American Peace Corps teacher here went to the semi-finals in the national High-Life contest staged by one of Accra's breweries, and this accomplishment greatly increased the prestige of the already respected Corps.

The dancing at the formal reception was, to me, entertaining and skillful. But Mr. Cole, who discussed it with me, said that to High-Life really danced, I should see Ghanaians at any one of the local night spots. Later on I had this opportunity. Mr. Cole was right about it.

Cozy Cole was, for a number of years, drummer with Louis Armstrong. He then went on his own and has had a really fine success. He and his musicians hold clinics in each African city where they play. (John and Bonnie Shirley, a revue act doing magical things with toy balloons, have given performances at hospitals to the deep and loud appreciation of patients.) Good musicians have been found at all stops. "It is the same as at home," one of the trumpet players told me, "you meet one that is good and he is a fellow that practices three or four hours a day. There are others going to music school and waiting for a diploma that will make them musicians."

The Press Club of Ghana invited Mr. Cole and me to one of their every-Saturday noon meetings. It was scheduled as a one-hour informal chat in which Mr. Cole and I would answer questions about our country. This one lasted three and a half hours and must have been unique. It covered queries about James Meredith, Mississippi, Little Rock, the problems of Negro artists playing in segregated towns, High-Life music, the qualities of local jazz bands, the songs of Ghanaian blues, and a few other relater and irrelevant subjects. It was my first appearance with a famous jazz artist and I came away very proud of him and of having been a part of the Press Club performance with him. When his new High-Life records appear I trust all those interested in jazz as played and interpreted by a real fine man and artist will purchase them and hear what Ghanaian High-Life music is like.

One final note on the dance. I sked a young lady who is a sociology major at Accra University, and who seemed adept at the dance, when she learned it. "When I was about one year old," she said. She looked to be about 23.

So High-Life is that old anyhow.

Grange News

Gold Hill Grange

The Traveling Agate to encourage visitation among the different Granges was brought to Gold Hill Grange by Central Point Grange recently during a regular meeting. The Agate had been presented to the Central Point Grange by Pomona officers.

James Cornut, master of Central Point Grange, and other officers conducted opening and closing ceremonies. Hermon Kamping, master, and his officers conducted the business session.

Members voted to let the Odd Fellow and Amethyst Rebekah lodges use the Grange hall for a benefit dance March 9. Proceeds will go to the IOOF building fund.

Reports were given by Ferd Jones, legislation; Charles Foote, agriculture; Mrs. Ferd Jones, education; and Mrs. A. A. Walker, HEC.

More than 150 Grange officers were among the 218 persons who attended the meeting from various lodges, including 10 subordinate masters. Also present were Ted Sims, Shedd, Ore., who is the State Grange deputy, Roscoe Roberts, State Grange overseer, and Melvin Lattie, Pomona Grange master. Talks were given by the dignitaries.

The lecturer hour program was arranged by Mrs. Charles Stripling in the absence of Mrs. Walter McLean, Grange lecturer, who was out of town.

The Traveling Agate was taken to the Enterprise Grange at Wimer this week. Master Herman Kamping of Gold Hill Grange and officers conducted opening and closing at the Enterprise meeting. There were 23 Gold Hill Grangers among the 137 person who went to Wimer for that visitation.

The next meeting of Gold Hill Grange will be held Thursday, March 7 at 8 p.m. at the hall.

Air Base Beefed Up with Fighters

Miami —(UPI)— The Air Force began boosting its defensive strength at Homestead AFB today with the fastest planes in the U.S. air arsenal. The base, just south of here, is 200 miles from Cuba.

Two swift, high flying F104 Star-fighters were scheduled to arrive as the vanguard of 24 of the sleek jet fighters. The Air Force said the fighters will help meet the need for "high performance fighters on the southern approaches to the U.S."

The stubby-wing planes are armed with Sidewinder missiles and are capable of speeds up to 1,500 miles an hour and altitudes above 90,000 feet.

BAD EXAMPLE

Wollaston, England — (UPI) — Richard Bailey, 14, has been removed as captain of his class because he refused to shave off the mustache he grew for a part in a school play.

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Democratic County Chairman Resigns

Portland — (UPI) — Multnomah County Democratic Chairman Frank L. Roberts announced his resignation Thursday night.

Roberts, a professor at Portland State College, said he was resigning because of "professional obligations." He has served as chairman since March, 1960. His successor will be elected March 28.

Chairmen of Dinner Committees Named

Attorney Ted W. Phillips and Mrs. Frank Christian, appointed by Democratic County Chairman Jean A. Mills, to be general co-chairmen of the 13th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, have announced names of dinner committee chairmen.

They include co-chairmen for tickets Mrs. Ralph Poston and Mrs. George Schwieger; arrangements, Mrs. Al Bradford and Frank Christian; foods, Walter McMahan, Tex Phillips, George Watson and Mrs. W. G. Werner; reception and social, Mrs. Thomas Rutter, Mrs. Ira McDonald and Gerald Scannell; decorations, Mrs. Jean A. Mills and Mrs. Gerald Christean; publicity, Mrs. Edward C. Kelly and Dick Moody; head table, Mrs. Dee Newton and Mrs. Dan Leary; gift selection, Larry Sheehan; and transportation, Jean A. Mills and Ray Lamberg.

A meeting of the dinner committee has been called for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Medford Labor Temple. The meeting will precede the regular monthly Central Committee meeting to be held at the same location beginning at 8 p.m. A full attendance to both meetings has been urged by Mills.

TWO TON TEST

San Antonio — (UPI) — Homebuilder E. H. Jaroscewski will parade an elephant on the roof of one of his homes Sunday to show that the roof is well engineered and constructed.

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