



CRASHED THROUGH WINDOW — Miss Katherine Abel, 50, was critically injured late Tuesday when she was run down and pinned under her own car. Miss Abel had parked her car in front of a cleaners with the engine running and was standing at the counter inside, when her mother, Mrs. Georgia Abel, 75, accidentally sent the car crashing through the plate glass window and into the building, dragging Miss Abel the length of the shop. (UPI)

The Lowest Form

Dick West's Practical Joke Ends in Tight Grip Around Neck

By DICK WEST

Washington — (UPI) — There is no lower form of life on this planet than a practical joker. A man who would deliberately play a trick on his wife, causing the poor woman to doubt her sanity, is beneath contempt. But I surely did have a lot of fun doing it.

It all started with those king size double yolk eggs that a poultry association gave away to members of Congress last week to call attention to national egg month.

Someday slipped me a dozen of them and as I was driving home that evening a diabolical plot began to take shape in my twisted little brain.

I left the eggs in the car until my wife had retired for the night. Then I fetched them inside, opened the refrigerator and emptied two cartons of eggs that she had purchased.

In their place I deposited the double yolkers and stealthily stole off to bed, cackling to myself. The next morning, as the dear woman was preparing breakfast, the trap snapped shut.

"Do you know anything about these eggs?" she asked.

"What eggs?" I asked.

"These eggs," she said. "They're not the ones I bought."

What makes you say that?

"Well, look how big they are."

"They don't look big to me," I said. "They look just like any other eggs."

"If you will compare them with the eggs in that other carton, you will see what I mean," she said, testily.

Thanks to my cunning and foresight, the other carton also contained double yolkers, and I now opened it for her inspection.

"Look," I said. "They're both the same. You must be imagining things."

My wife whirled around and without further comment broke one of the eggs in the skillet. Then she whirled back again.

"This one," she said, her voice rising, "has two yolks."

"Nonsense," I said. "I don't know what's the matter with you this morning. You certainly are acting strangely."

She gave me a sort of wild look and cracked another egg. Two more yolks plopped into the pan and she reeled back from the stove as though stunned.

As I watched in horrified fascination, my wife broke a third egg, this time giving a pitiful little cry. I suggested that she go lie down for a while.

I was enjoying one of the eggs and reading the paper when she returned. Over my shoulder she happened to see an item about the poultry association's visit to Congress.

As I felt her fingers closing in a vise-like grip around my throat, I managed to mutter a muffled plea of clemency.

"Smile," I said. "You're on 'Candid Camera.'"

Salem — (UPI) — Senate President Ben Musa quipped Tuesday that Gov. Mark Hatfield's friends "should give their money to the Salvation Army rather than wasting it on a vice presidential campaign in 1964. He hasn't got a chance," Musa said.

'Space Biology' Theme of Annual OSU Colloquium

Corvallis — "Space Biology" will be the theme for the 24th annual Biology Colloquium April 12 and 13 at Oregon State university with some of the nation's top scientists scheduled to give their views on problems man will encounter as he pushes out into space.

The two-day biology conference annually draws scientists from throughout the West. A different topic is examined in detail each year.

Topics to be discussed will include the prevention of interplanetary contamination, effect of weightlessness on mammals, the research program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, spectroscopy as a tool for detecting extraterrestrial life, and the development of closed ecological systems.

Speakers will include Dr. Allan H. Brown, University of Minnesota; Dr. Nello Pace, University of California; Dr. Charles Phillips, Ft. Detrick, Md.; Dr. Orr Reynolds, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The colloquium is open to the public and question-and-answer discussion periods follow each paper presented.

Sponsor of the colloquium is the Oregon State university chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor group.

E. Palmer Hoyt to Lecture at Oregon

Eugene — E. Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Denver Post, will be a visiting lecturer at the University of Oregon School of Journalism during the first week in April.

Hoyt is among visiting lecturers brought to the university as part of the 50th Anniversary observances of the school of journalism.

A graduate of the school, class of 1923, Hoyt is also an alumnus of Oregon Journalism. He was on the staff of the Pendleton East Oregonian, and then went to the Portland Oregonian, where he remained for 20 years, serving as reporter, drama editor, night city editor, managing editor, and for the last seven years as Oregonian publisher. He left in 1946 to become editor and publisher of the Denver Post.

He is a former president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association. For two years he was national president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

East German Displeasure With Communism Revealed

Berlin — (UPI) — "Communism means to us lies, threats with nuclear weapons, the wall, barbed wire, forced evacuations, machine guns, the murder of refugees, suppression."

This excerpt from a letter from a resident of Leipzig to the American-run radio stations RIAS in West Berlin indicates the mood in the Soviet zone after 19 months of the anti-refugee wall.

East Germans are fed up and they are saying so out loud. The widespread dissatisfaction even had infected the rank and file of the Communist party.

To combat anti-wall feeling the party has stepped up its propaganda campaign to justify what it calls its "security measures on the state border."

East Germans, in letters to their newspapers, at Communist-called forums and at factory meetings, are asking why they can not visit the West.

They say they have friends and relatives in the west and want to see them.

The Communist propaganda campaign has failed because it has provided no clear answers. East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht set the tone of the campaign with the remark that West Germans with relatives in the East could move to East Germany.

The West Berlin newspaper Tagesspiegel, in a comment on the remark, said, "The keeper has invited us to move into his jail."

The discontent of East Germans was disclosed clearly when the newspaper Landesszeitung in the province of Thuringia asked its readers to write it on the theme "What Would Make Me Happy."

After four weeks the newspaper appealed to its readers to "think correctly politically."

It made this recommendation, it said, because most of the letters it received tied together happiness and trips to the West.

Guste Zoern, one of the women agitators assigned to make the wall popular, wrote in the Communist magazine Einheit that the campaign was failing with women.

She reported, for example, that when she spoke at an East Berlin meeting in favor of the wall a woman in the audience got up and left the hall.

"I later learned that she is all alone and her family lives in West Germany. Her dominating feeling was her desire to see her relatives," Frau Zoern wrote.

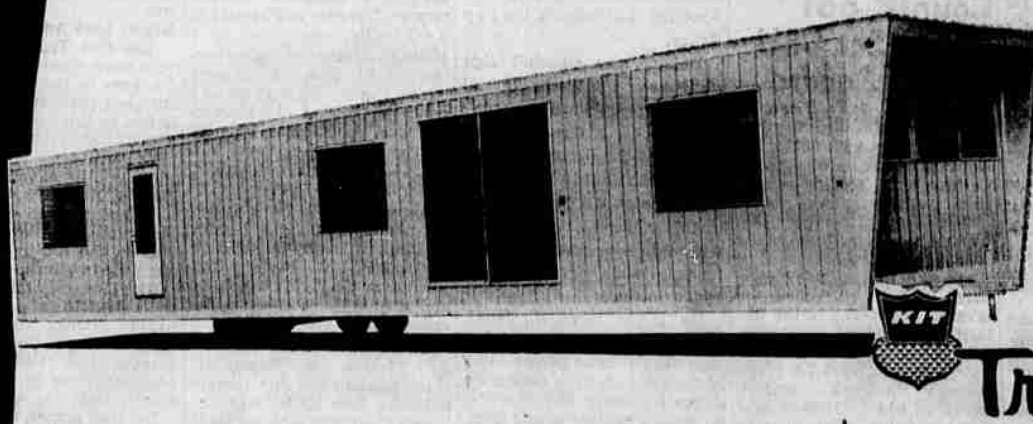
Party officials in the Potsdam district bordering on West Berlin assigned "agitators" to visit every house to explain the necessity of the wall.

"Often the agitation must begin inside the party because more than a few comrades have to be convinced of the correctness of our measures," a Potsdam party directive said.

In fact, the Communists have set themselves an impossible job because they can not admit the real reason they built the wall—to keep East Germans from fleeing.

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