

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A GROUP OF theater buffs were discussing the drama critics the other night, and trying to select the most devastating lines ever penned by these dedicated assassins. Nominations: 1. Walter Kerr's, "This is the sort of play that gives failures a bad name." 2. George S. Kaufman's, "I saw last night's opening under unfortunate circumstances. The curtain was up." 3. George Jean Nathan's, "I always said I'd like John Barrymore's acting till the cows came home. Well, ladies and gentlemen, last night the cows came home." 4. Dorothy Parker's, "Obviously, here was a playwright for the ages—the ages of four to six." 5. Percy Hammond's, "Mr. So-and-So played the King last night as though he was afraid someone wise might play the ace."



Harry Golden tells about Sadie's 12-year-old son who snagged a job during his summer vacation that paid \$20 a week. "And mama," he promised, "it all goes straight to you." When he handed her his first pay envelope, the contents added up to only \$19.90. "Ah ha," said Sadie. "Taking out girls already!"

Worried about a gift for the "man who has everything?" Art Ryan suggests a calendar to remind him when the payments are due.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The news? Here's a sample: Pedro Leon, a homesick Cuban, set out recently from Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands, some 60 miles off the coast of Northwest Africa, to CROSS THE ATLANTIC IN A BARREL, and thus get back to his homeland.

Beside him in the barrel were two bottles of water, two loaves of bread and two pounds of corn meal. These were to be his provisions for the voyage—which, if he had completed it, would have followed very closely the route pioneered by Christopher Columbus nearly five centuries ago.

WHAT happened? It was brief. He sailed two yards and turned over twice in that distance. Two bystanders rescued him from the surf and two police men took him to a first aid station.

From there, two medical attendants took him to the local psychiatric hospital.

WELL, at least his project makes as much sense as the contention of our modern politicians that the sure way to prosperity lies along the road of BIG SPENDING, BIG DEFICITS AND BIG DEBTS.

QUESTION: Whence came the name Canary Islands? You'll be surprised.

THE CANARY Islands were known to the ancients, who named them Canaria from the Latin word "canis," meaning dog, because they found large, fierce dogs there. Canary birds—without which in a cage, no American home was complete only a few decades ago—get their name from the fact that they were first found on the Canary Islands.

BACK to modern days: In Washington, President Kennedy tells a group of business men that if Congress cuts advertisement

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Strictly Personal

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LIFE'S BALANCE When Chesterton was once asked that tiresomely familiar question, "What book would you choose to have with you on a desert island?" he quite sensibly replied, "James' volume on 'Practical Shipbuilding.'" He was doing more than giving a flip dismissal to this trite question. He was pointing out the absurdity of taking a situation out of context. Most of us would answer, with spiritual solemnity, the Bible or Shakespeare; but Chesterton, who was both a deeply religious and a widely cultivated man, saw through these pretensions.

On a desert island, of course, we would want a book that would help us survive and escape, if possible. For a man alone is no good to himself, even with the Bible and Shakespeare for company. Robinson Crusoe was going crazy until he came upon Friday.

Books of a spiritual or cultural quality must be a supplement to life; they cannot be a substitute for it. If the average man makes the disastrous mistake of substituting action for thought (which always ends in violence), the thoughtful man often makes the contrary mistake of substituting books for life (which always ends up in sterility). Indeed, perhaps the central task of any human life consists in achieving the proper balance, the correct tension, between the contemplative and the practical aspects. For both the man who thinks too much and the man who thinks too little tends to take the wrong action in a crisis.

The consideration of subtle moral, psychological and social values can immobilize a man from taking action with courage and dispatch; and, contrariwise, the ignoring of such considerations can plunge us into deeds whose consequences are quite the opposite of what we intended. Life is so hard to anticipate precisely because each event is an equation in which one term is hidden from us—the mysterious "x" that lies so deep within our own nature that we cannot see it. What expert bridge players call "the feel of the table"—knowing intuitively when to pass and when to bid—is as important in living as in playing. The reflective man will nearly always pass, and the impulsive man will nearly always bid; but true expertise consists in cutting across the grain of one's nature when the situation seems to call for it.

It might almost be said that only if we learn how and when to violate the natural bent of our temperament can we cope with the unpredictability and perversity of human affairs.

County Men Taking Recruit Training

A number of Jackson county men enlisted in the Navy during March. They are undergoing training at the U.S. Navy Training Center, San Diego, Calif. The enlistees include Joseph B. Sutton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sutton, 503 Spencer st.; William P. Stonebraker, son of Mrs. Opal E. Corona, 215 West Jackson st.; William C. Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hutcheson, route 2, box 220A, all Medford; Richard D. Bone, son of Mrs. Kathryn L. Lanini, 71 Scenic dr.; Carl E. McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. McGuire, 1941 Ashland; Roger C. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Sutton, 263 North Fifth st.; Lloyd M. Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Rice, route 2, box 567R, all Central Point; and Thomas P. Smith, son of Mrs. Ruth E. Smith, Star route 2, box 988, Trail.

GIRL SHY Gosport, England—(UPI)—The Rev. Tony Naden says he has formed a mixed rugby team of boys and girls, aged 14 to 20, but is having difficulty booking games. "Most of the clubs around here seem to fight shy of tackling girls," he said.

Primary Winner In California To Get Nixon Backing

Washington—(UPI)—Richard M. Nixon has told newspaper friends here that he will endorse for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination the candidate who wins next year's California presidential primary.

The 1960 GOP presidential candidate said that a Republican without the courage to enter the California primary would not merit nomination. The primary will be held in June, 1964.

Nixon arrived in Washington Monday from New York and Philadelphia. He planned to leave today, probably for Miami, Nixon denied reports that he might shift his residence from Los Angeles to New York.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York appears to Nixon to be the front-runner now for the 1964 nomination. But Nixon emphasized that there were other available and able Republicans, none of whom could be written off. He included Govs. George Romney of Michigan and William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania, and Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

After a talk last week with Nixon in New York, Rockefeller ordered former Gov.

Goodwin J. Knight of California to close a Rockefeller-for-President headquarters just opened in Los Angeles. Nixon told reporters here that Rockefeller understood that no Nixon supporters would be members of a California nominating convention delegation of which Knight also was a member. He said Rockefeller had to choose between Knight and the Nixon people.

landslide reelection in a polling today, but that it may be different next year. The former vice president is confident that the Republican National convention could not ignore a candidate who had won the California primary. He said it would displace the standard political tests—the New Hampshire and Wisconsin presidential primaries.

Women Continue Lead in Mobil Run

Cheyenne, Wyo.—(UPI)—The Los Angeles-Detroit Mobil Economy run continued on its 2,654-mile journey today as cars left here at 5 a.m. for Omaha.

The eight women drivers continued to get better mileage than the men, averaging 23.95 miles per gallon, compared to the male drivers' 21.67. Mary Hauser was still in second place with a 28.95 average in her four-cylinder Chevy II.

Les Viland, Livonia, Mich., still held the over-all lead of 29.34 miles per gallon in his Rambler.

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