

Sly Mockingbirds Ringleaders Of Feathered Plot To Overthrow Us

By DICK WEST
Washington — EP — In a motion picture called "The Birds," our feathered friends lay siege to the human race with intent to do us in. And in a cartoon strip, a raven named "Stoolie" has been acting as a go-between for a group of underworld characters.

Neither of these plots is likely to be endorsed by the Audubon Society and in some quarters are regarded as ridiculous. But I am here to testify they are not as far-fetched as they might seem.

There is no gain saying that many birds become thugs and bullies. I myself have been attacked twice recently by a vicious hummingbird that lurks around my morning glory vine.

These ordinary criminal tendencies, however, are not my main concern. I am more disturbed by the ornithological underground.

If birds are plotting to overthrow us, as Alfred Hitchcock, Dick Tracy and I suspect, I have reason to believe that the ringleaders are mockingbirds.

According to a press release I recently received from the National Geographic Society, a mockingbird has been known to sing continuously for six hours — from 3 a.m. to 9 a.m. Do you catch the significance of that?

If they can disrupt our slumber, and thus weaken our resistance, it will make the takeover that much easier.

Most people think mockingbirds only do bird imitations, which is a cheap act that went

out with vaudeville. That is only a front, or cover, masking a far more sinister talent. Mockingbirds also can duplicate the sounds made by peeping tree toads, buzzing locusts, crowing roosters, barking dogs, squeaking gates and whistling policemen.

In other words, they can disguise their voices and penetrate places that otherwise might be barred to birds.

Banquet Scheduled For County Teachers

John Stewart will be installed president of the Jackson county chapter of the Oregon Education association at a banquet at the Rogue Valley Country club May 7.

Other officers to be installed are Miss Lois Mac, vice-president; Darrell Copeland, treasurer; and Dave Harms, secretary.

Mrs. Maxine Smith, a past state president of OEA, will be installing officer.

The group will honor retiring teachers. They include Mrs. Lily Robinson, Jacksonville elementary; Mrs. Florence Allan, Southern Oregon college; Miss Mildred Millon, Ashland Junior High; Mrs. Nellie Young, Talent elementary; Harry Meyers, Central Point Junior High; Edwin Kirtley, Crater High; Mrs. Mabel Sims, Phoenix High; Mrs. Gladys Simon, Pioche elementary; and Mrs. Maybelle Offenbacher, Applegate elementary.

Mrs. Doris Sanders, state OEA president, will be the speaker. Presiding at the banquet will be Mrs. Alice Archer, Jackson county OEA president.

A ham radio operator in Dallas once heard a mockingbird imitating the "dit-dit-dah" signals of the Morse Code. I hardly need add that seizure of our communications systems would be the first target of any uprising.

Equally alarming are those fat pigeons that waddle around in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House. It was there that Bernard Baruch used to confer with high government officials.

Is anyone naive enough to think those pigeons are only interested in the peanuts dropped by tourists? Hah! Five will get you ten those pigeons are espionage agents.

I have reported this matter to police several times, but they refuse to take any action. Whither can we turn for protection?

Cottingham Elected President of Group

Ashland — Dick Cottingham, Klamath Falls, was elected president of Alpha Phi Omega, a scouting fraternity at Southern Oregon college, a recent meeting.

Also elected to fill positions were David Reid, Lebanon, vice president; Roger Kelson, Phoenix, secretary; Gary Fields, Medford, treasurer; and Dave Lundquist, Portland, historian.

Forest Lesher, assistant professor of geography, is the adviser of the organization.

The first Ferris wheel was exhibited at the World's Columbian exposition in Chicago in 1893, named after a young engineer named George Washington Gale Ferris.

Moore Visits House of Lords, Attends English Soccer Game

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of dispatches from Charles A. (Chuck) Moore, Grants Pass. Moore formerly lived in Medford, and is now a student at Lewis and Clark college. He is in London as an "English Pioneer" selected by the Experiment in International Living and Lewis and Clark college.)

By CHARLES A. MOORE
Feb. 26: This one can be summed up nicely in a little paragraph about a little reading, a little writing, and a little car. I washed Miss Seldon's 1962 Cortina.

Say, what is this Yankee 50-mile walk business anyway? You've got the British all on their feet. Apparently they think they can better the New Frontier any day. Scores of them are walking from London to Brighton just to show the Kennedys a thing or two!

Feb. 27: I again headed up town, this time to famous Piccadilly Circus. From there I walked to Parliament Square to see the Parliament building. Big Ben, Westminster Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey and the House of Lords. It is such a shame that London must accept the dust and smoke that accompanies industrial wealth. Were it not for this, the beauty of these

magnificent buildings would be overpowering.

The House of Lords was the scene of a long annual report from the Royal Academy of Sciences. Presented by Lord Hailsham, it made several references to that British headache, America. It seems that America has the money to "buy the brains." An alarming percentage of British scientists have gone to the U.S. liked living and working conditions and stayed.

Feb. 28: Determined to see Hyde park, the Marble Arch etcetera, I walked there from Piccadilly Circus to the far end of the park, and back. The whole thing was time consuming and unrewarding.

Returning to the Circus, I stopped at the Royal Academy of Art to view the Johnson exhibit, "Art U.S.A." Not being able to resist the comments book (this book is very un-British) I recorded a few.

Dinner Meeting Set By IV Democrats

Cave Junction — The Illinois Valley Democratic club will hold a potluck dinner and a regular meeting at the Grange hall in Cave Junction Monday, May 6.

The potluck will start at 7 p.m. and the meeting at 8 p.m. Principal speaker will be the vice chairman of the Jackson County Central committee, Mrs. Ralph Poston.

It had been originally announced that the meeting was to be a woman's club meeting, but this was in error.

Mrs. Poston will give a report on the recent State Democratic conference and the meeting of the State Democratic committee, according to Mrs. Helen Hare, chairman of the Illinois Valley Democratic club.

They were all either extremely pro or con, but the con makes the best reading."

Overall Impression
Here are a few: "Quite unbelievably awful." "The best was the complete blank." "My overall impression is that the artists are having a big joke on the world."

March 1: Since there was a general meeting of the Lewis and Clark group with Dr. Dusenberry and Ruth Heckman at 2 o'clock, Foyle seemed like a big enough schedule. It is supposed to be the largest bookstore in the world. After picking up a couple of paperbacks for study I bumped into an old friend. There on the shelves lay Dr. Remak's "Sarjevo." Dr. Remak was one of my professors last semester. I couldn't resist the volume.

From Foyle's on Charing Cross road to Russel Square takes only a few minutes, but finding the meeting place took over an hour. Two groups were directed to the nonexistent International Hotel or House, but they finally found the International Hall of Residence.

March 2: This afternoon Doug and I went to a football (soccer) game.

The game of football is tremendous. The audience can follow the ball all the time and really feel more a part of the game than in American football. Above all, it is a game of great skill.

Soccer viewing is a man's pastime and the women mostly stay away. Emotions can rise to a dangerous level. The large majority of spectator positions are standing. Adults have the privilege of having every home crushed while standing on the "terraces."

Less adventurous persons shell out extra shillings and head for the "stands" to sit through the game. After the game, masses of humanity actually flowed down the street and into the tube station, an impossible feat.

A Day at Library

March 4: I spent the day at the Deptford library which Miss Seldon has shown me to help my studies. To my surprise, it was a gift from Andrew Carnegie. I finished

"Principles of Art History" which was borrowed from Norm and took a good sized chunk out of Trevelyan's "England Under the Stuarts." This evening Doug and I went to another football game at Upton Park. On the way to our meeting place, I requested directions from a man in the tube. His destination was the same as mine so we struck up a conversation. I found that he (Mr. D. Harris) is an actor with the Old Vic. He just returned from a South American Tour.

The game was a cup match, and West Ham decided to show a little team work and beat Swansea Town.

March 5: After a long day with Trevelyan at the library, I went to Norm's house to re-

turn his book. This also gave me an opportunity to meet his family, including the two boarders, Norm's family is one of those that lives in front of the TV so I got an education in BBC and ITV. All American hour programs are only 45 minutes long by the time they reach BBC. After they lose those precious commercials there really isn't much left. Independent TV, of course, does marvelous advertising.

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